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Nursery 2019
Autumn 1
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Communication and language development

Communication and language is a really important part of a child’s development.
 This term we will work on various skills:
Listening and attention—building on the length of time a child can sit and listen in a small group;
Understanding—making sure the children understand what we are asking of them;
Speaking—building on the children’s confidence to articulate their needs and ideas.
 We will spend time each day in our family groups playing listening games in order to develop these skills.

Physical development

The children will have weekly P.E. lessons in the hall with Mr Pinnock our P.E. teacher.
 They will begin their nursery P.E. lessons by learning to listen appropriately, taking turns to use equipment, following instructions when asked and developing spatial awareness of themselves and those around us.
 In our learning space, children will be provided with a number of opportunities to develop their fine motor skills, a pre-requisite to writing, through activities such as threading, using tweezers, handling playdough, scissors etc and their gross motor, larger movements, outside on the climbing frame, bikes and construction equipment.

Personal, social, and emotional development

This half term we will be helping our new children to settle into the new routines in nursery and helping them find their way around the new experiences on offer in order to get the best out of their time here with us.
 We will spend time together in our family groups, focussing on sharing, looking after ourselves and each other, being a kind friend and managing our own hygiene routines. During choosing time, staff will support children to engage in quality interactions with both the children and the teaching staff.

HOME ACTIVITIES

Children will be given the opportunity to take home a library book each Monday morning for you to share with them at home. (Please come in to help them choose one and then return Friday morning.)
 Please take the time with each book to read your child a bedtime story: this is one of the most important things that can be done to support their development.
 Encourage them to sing the nursery rhymes they have learned at home with you each week. We will send home a weekly sticker with the weeks rhymes and also with the number we are learning that week.
 As well as this, you could take them for a walk and talk about the numbers and shapes they can see in the environment around them. Or go on an autumn adventure to Northcote Farm or Cannock chase and see what autumn signs you can find to talk about. Pick up an “Autumn Nature Detective” leaflet from our cloakroom information table.
 There will be a chance for children in Early Years to bring in things that they have created or posters / pictures of their experiences of Autumn and these will be displayed (‘showcased’) on Thursday 5th December.

Literacy

Our literacy this half term will be based around nursery rhymes. Nursery rhymes are an important developmental step in children’s learning which can aid reading and writing later in their school life. We will divide the nursery rhymes into themes: On the Farm, In the Garden, People Who Help Me, Minibeasts and Me and will learn a rhyme from one of these themes each week.
 We will play games such as missing out words, ordering the different parts of the rhymes and making up our own words to the rhymes.
 In our writing we will be mark making in a variety of media such as sand, glitter, foam etc and giving meaning to the marks we make.

Mathematics

This half term we will focus on counting and find totals of groups of objects. We will count out numbers of objects from larger groups and practise saying a number name for each object.
 Those of us who can do this will be solving problems with our numbers such as one more and one less and combining two groups, developing the language of addition and subtraction.
 We will also be looking at shapes. We will learn the names of a variety of 2D shapes and use these shapes to build pictures of transport.

Understanding the world

Through the different nursery rhymes we are studying, the children will have a wide range of experiences and learning opportunities. We will look at animals, nature, transport, jobs and ourselves and base our topic work around these themes. The children will be given plenty of chance to talk about their experiences, what they can see and use their senses to explore.
 We will look at seasonal changes and talk together about these and how they affect the weather, our clothing and the nature around us.
 The children will use the iPads, Beebots and other devices to develop their technology skills.

Expressive arts and design

The children will have access to the creative area which includes a variety of collage materials such as feathers, tissue paper, card, pom-poms etc and a self service painting area. We encourage children to be independent in their learning and they are given opportunities to create and use their imagination, with guidance from the staff.
 The role play area will be set up as a home corner this term to enable the children to grow in confidence, re-enacting their own experiences with their friends and making links to home life.