



Kingfisher Hall
PRIMARY ACADEMY

Nursery Curriculum Letter **Autumn Term 2017**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This letter is to provide you with information about the work your children will be doing this term.

We would like to welcome you to the first Nursery Curriculum letter for Kingfisher Hall Academy. Our themes this term are 'Welcome to School', 'Colour Week', 'Marvellous Me', 'How do you feel?', 'Diwali', 'Winter Tales', 'Body Talk' and 'Christmas'.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Circle time gives children the opportunity to gain confidence and allows them to speak within a familiar group and develop their speaking and listening skills. It is important to ask your child lots of questions at home to develop their thinking and language skills; this can also be done in their home language.

We will be encouraging turn taking during discussions and games. Throughout the day children are encouraged to become independent learners and to help each other. You can help to develop this at home by ensuring your child shares things with you and other siblings. It is essential that you encourage your child to be independent at home too, for example; feeding and dressing themselves, brushing their teeth, helping you around the house, etc.

We will be carrying out activities relating to Eid, Diwali and Christmas. It is very important to learn about each other's beliefs and cultures. This encourages the children to value and respect one another.

The children are taught about the importance of healthy eating and are provided with fruit, milk and water daily. We also remind the children of personal hygiene and encourage them to be independent when using the toilet. Washing their hands after using the toilet is essential so please remind children of this at home.

Communication, Language and Literacy

We place an important emphasis on Literacy. All of our classrooms are text rich environments and offer many opportunities for children to read. We begin to teach the children basic phonics which involves learning letter sounds and recognising the initial sounds in words. This can be supported at home by talking about the initial letters in every day words and playing 'I Spy' to reinforce letter sounds. You can also label things at home to encourage children to read such as table, bed, floor, door, etc. Name recognition is reinforced throughout the session, particularly on arrival when the children have to identify their name card before posting it in the box. It is important to teach the children when writing their name that it always starts with a capital letter.

Library Books and Homework

Every Wednesday you will be invited into nursery 15 minutes before the end of the session to choose a library book with your child. The children have termly challenges to complete at home. Please spend time working through the challenges with your child.

All library books are to be returned EVERY Monday. This is extremely important as children settle into school better with a specific routine.

During the week, children have access to a variety of books and story props in the classroom. There is also a story time at the end of each session. Sharing books with your child is very important. Regular story times at home and library visits can develop children's interest in books and learning to read.

Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy

The children will be introduced to a '5 minute maths' session which is a Numeracy lesson based around a calendar. This includes focusing on counting, naming the months of the year and days of the week, as well as talking about the weather. We will also be working on number recognition and writing numbers 1-10. This can be easily reinforced at home by counting objects around the house.

Other basic Numeracy skills will be developed on a daily basis through practical activities. These skills will include colour recognition, sorting, shapes and pattern.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

During our themes, we will be learning about ourselves and how the children have changed since they were born. We will also learn about our family tree. The children will learn about different changes which can occur with certain foods such as popcorn.

Whilst at Nursery the children will have free access to the computer, which encourages them to develop mouse control and identify the parts of a computer. They also use the interactive whiteboard which has a range of activities.

The children have the opportunity to take part in cooking activities regularly. Through these practical activities they will develop the ability to follow simple instructions, use various cooking utensils and the importance of hygiene. In order to cover the cost of ingredients we ask for a voluntary contribution of £2.00 every term.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will have the opportunity to use a variety of mark making materials, such as paint, crayons and chalk. During 'Colour week' children will learn about the huge variety of colours that there are and where we can see them in our daily lives.

During daily singing sessions, children will learn a range of songs. They will also be able to explore musical instruments.

The children will have access to role play areas, which will encourage them to build on past experiences and develop their imagination.

Physical Development

Children have continuous access to the outdoor area throughout the year. It is essential that your child wears appropriate clothing according to the weather. The children will have daily opportunities to develop their gross and fine motor skills, through activities inside the classroom, such as drawing, using scissors and manipulating play dough. The outdoor environment has climbing equipment, bikes and a sand pit, amongst other things.

During PE we will begin by focusing on spatial awareness and different ways of travelling.
Please remember that children should not be wearing any jewellery on these days.
PE will take place every Monday.

Additional Information

- We encourage children to bring a water bottle to school every day. This needs to be clearly labelled.
- It is essential you send a letter clearly stating who will be picking up your child if you are unable to. If it changes at short notice please contact the office directly. We will not release children to any adults unknown to us, even if the child knows them.
- Please ensure we have current telephone and mobile numbers and that your emergency contact details are up to date.
- It is your responsibility to ensure that your child is in school on time every day.
- Correct school uniform should be worn at all times and needs to be clearly named in order for your child to learn to take responsibility for their belongings.
- Please remember that the Nursery staff are always available at the end of the session to discuss any queries you may have.

Thank you for your support.

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