

Understanding the World

We will be doing lots of exploring the world around us through our topics this half term. We will be looking at eggs and where they come from in our Humpty Dumpty topic and exploring how to get the animals out of the blocks of ice in our winter topic! We will also use the interactive whiteboard and I-pads to support our learning.

Exploring Arts and Design

We will have lots of opportunities to be creative this half term in Nursery. Our teachers will be adding materials to the playdough and paint for us to develop our imagination! We will be exploring winter through marble and ice paintings and make paper plate polar bears!

How can you help at home?

- Talk to your child about what they have been learning at Nursery.
- Read stories daily with your child.
- Practise writing their first name using their name card.
- Look out for numbers when you are out and about!
- Sing lots of counting songs and Nursery Rhymes.
- Practise counting toys at home.

Useful websites

www.topmarks.co.uk

www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-1



Curriculum letter
Nursery



Dates for your diary

Reading and Writing Parent Workshop– Friday 19th
January
Am Nursery– 10:20-11:30am
Pm Nursery-2pm-3:20pm

A note from the Nursery team.

Welcome back, we hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break!

Just a few reminders– Morning Nursery starts at 8.30am. We will close the doors at 8.40am. Please collect your child promptly at 11:30am. Afternoon Nursery ends at 3:20pm. If your child is still left over by 3:30pm they will be taken to the office where you can collect them.

Please remember to pack spare clothing in your child's bag in case of any accidents!

Literacy

This half term our topics are Winter and Nursery Rhymes. We will be looking at the changes to our environment in winter and exploring our outdoor area. We will be reading the story the Gruffalo's child and talking about the characters in the story. Our teachers will ask us questions about the story to see what we can remember. We will be reading stories and non fiction books linked to the Nursery Rhymes that we are learning. We will also be focusing on the elements from Phase One, 'Letters and Sounds' which will help ensure we are ready and able to become successful when reading and writing. Some children will start to learn their letter sounds through our RWI scheme. We will continue to self register in the morning and see if we can recognise our names without our picture on! Our teachers will also help us to practise writing our names!

Communication and language

This half term we will spend time in small groups linked to our topics on Winter and Nursery Rhymes. We will practise sitting and listening in small groups and play games which will develop our ability to answer and also ask questions. We will sing lots of Nursery rhymes together and talk about the words that rhyme.

Maths

We have been working so hard on our counting skills in Nursery. This half term we are continuing to learn our numbers through the Tentown scheme. We will sing lots of counting songs which will help us to say the numbers in the right order and play counting games that involve us splitting a group of objects in different ways. We will practise matching sets of objects to the numbers that we have been learning and have opportunities to explore a range of shape activities linked to our topics!



Physical Development

We will have lots of opportunities to develop our gross (large) and fine (small) motor skills. Our teachers have been encouraging us to have a go at doing our own coats which we are getting really good at now! We will continue to practise putting them on ourselves and pulling up our zips. We will also practise our scissor skills when doing craft activities at Nursery. Our teachers will encourage us to develop an effective pencil grip when mark making. We will play games in small groups aimed at developing our balance and co ordination and will develop our fine motor skills in dough disco!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term we will develop our understanding about making the right choices and being a good friend. Our teachers will be looking out for good sharing and good playing while we are at Nursery! We will work on developing our independence by accessing activities ourselves and making sure we tidy them away when we have finished!