



## EARLY YEARS 1 AUTUMN TERM 2019



Welcome to Nursery, this term we will be planning lots of exciting activities with a focus on learning new routines, building up friendships and becoming more independent. During the first few weeks children will be observed and assessments completed to allow staff to follow the interests of the children and build on previous skills.

We are going to have a focus story this half term which is 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'; great for rhythm, repetition and lots of lovely sensory exploration and creative activities!

Below we have put together some ideas and activities that you can share with your child to support their learning at home.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Encourage children to dress themselves and hang up their own coats.
- Remind children to wash their hands after the toilet and before having food.
- Talk about how they feel about the new experiences they have at Nursery.

### Communication, Language and Literacy

- Enjoy making marks – making lines and circles using up and down and round and round movements.
- Sing lots of nursery rhymes - we will be introducing a new one each week.
- Share stories together- talk about the pictures and characters. Can they hold a book correctly and turn the pages?

### Physical Development

- Make your own playdough and have fun! Squash, squeeze and roll it to develop strength and manipulation in fingers.
- Get out and about together - run, walk, climb, ride a bike or scooter.

### Maths

- Count the cutlery/plates at tea time
- Sing number rhymes (5 little ducks, 1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive etc.)
- Build with cardboard boxes/tubes. Talk about the shapes and who has built the tallest / shortest tower.
- Count how many steps to get to the bus stop/up the stairs/from the bathroom to your bedroom.

### Understanding the World

- Talk about families. Who lives in our house?
- Use correct language such as brother, sister, he, she, her, him when talking about family members.
- Go for walks and talk about what they hear, see and smell.

### Expressive Arts and Design

- Sing favourite songs and rhymes.
- Make a puppet show to tell a nursery rhyme or make up your own story. You could make sock puppets or characters using cereal boxes.
- Draw pictures of themselves and their families.

### RE

This term we will be establishing our daily prayer routines and thinking about the Statements to live by Our topics this term are:

- Myself
- Welcome
- Birthday
- We will also be studying Other World Faiths 'Judaism'

### Homework

Please ensure your child brings their book bag to Nursery every day.

Please return Library books on a Monday and Home Link Books on a Tuesday.