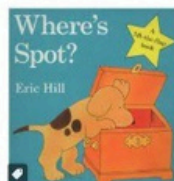


Nursery Curriculum Letter Spring 1 2026

In our Nursery, we deliver two circle time sessions everyday. Children then continue their learning through child-initiated play. Below are some of the key aspects of child development that we will be encouraging through play this half term. We have included themes for specific areas which may be important to the children and therefore may feature in their play. We will post photos of children's learning on Tapestry and we are sure you will enjoy seeing their latest achievements.

Communication & Language

This half term we will be listening to a variety of stories containing rhyming words. We will also focus on two texts this half term, 'Dear Zoo' and 'Where's Spot?'. We will look at specific features such as positional language e.g. on, under, and recreate our own versions of the story. The children will answer questions about the stories they hear.



Physical Development

Now we can put on our coats, we will begin to learn how to put on our own gloves. We will continue to use the zips on our coats, with support. Please reinforce this independence at home.

We enjoy the trikes and scooters at nursery. This half term we will be focusing on using the pedals to propel ourselves around the playground.



PSED

Our theme is 'Dreams & Goals'. We will be focusing on trying our best in everything we do. We will use our puppet, Elsa Elephant who tries hard, to introduce this philosophy.

We will also be working on talking positively when things go wrong, sharing our feelings and talking about how to make someone feel better.



Understanding the World

We started talking about seasonal change last half term and we will continue to discuss environmental changes in 'Winter' through our regular forest sessions.

Later this half term we will be talking about how people celebrate Chinese New Year. If you have any festivals that you celebrate at home, we would love to invite you in to school to share these with us.



Literacy

We will focus on rhyming words and alliteration. We will use nursery rhymes such as 'Row, Row, Row your Boat' and 'Hickory, Dickory, Dock' to highlight rhyme.

This term we will also be listening for sounds and will introduce our 'sound of the week' activities. This half term we will focus on: m, a, s, d, t, p. Please watch the videos on Tapestry with your child and bring in an object for our sound table every Monday. What can you find in your house?

Over the following term we will continue to learn to recognise the letters in our names and write them. We will begin with ordering the letters and then writing them.

Maths

Counting— We will continue with our daily counting so that we can say numbers in order. We will also count a small number of objects, focusing on counting each object carefully. You can practise reciting numbers to 10 and beyond at home. When you count specific items, make sure the children count each object carefully.



Prepositions—We will notice positional language in one of our stories (for example, in front of) and we will use this to talk about locations. We will go outside and plan a route to help find Spot.

Expressive Arts We will be working on added detail to our drawings such as lines, curves, circles to represent objects and emotions. Throughout our mark making, we will be encouraging the development of a tripod grip. We will be exploring dance and music through the celebration of Chinese New Year.