

Mathematics

In number children in Nursery will recite numbers to 10, touch count pirate treasure and say how many objects there are in total. Children will practise representing their total number on their fingers and represent numbers in pictures, e.g. when drawing an octopus does the child draw 8 legs? In numerical patterns children will be taught to notice that 2D shapes can be combined to make a new shape, e.g. two triangles make a diamond and children will use shapes for a purpose when constructing. We will then learn new words to describe 2D shapes such as pointy and curvy.

Physical Development

In Nursery children we will draw large circles and lines with resources such as paint, water, paintbrushes or chalk using gross motor skills. Towards the end of the half term we will use a pencil or paintbrush to draw a face of a character from a story. Children will show a preference for a dominant hand and hold a pencil/mark making tool in a tripod grip.

PSED

When children return to nursery in the new year we will be reminding ourselves of the setting rules and children will be asked to follow some rules independently. In independent learning time children will select their own resources and enjoy achieving set goals. In pretend play children will discuss others feelings and listen to others ideas to develop a storyline in play. Children will retell experiences and events in imaginative play.



Just Imagine!

Literacy

During our daily story time children will listen to stories with increased attention and recall Children look at books independently in our bedtime story reading corner holding books the correct way and turning the pages carefully. In phonics children will start to listen for the initial sounds in words and identify sounds they hear inside and outside on a listening walk. When mark making children will hold a pencil/mark making tool in a tripod grip and talk about the marks they make.

Communication and Language

Children will enjoy listening to stories such as 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and 'The Gruffalo'. Children will show an interest in illustrations in books and be asked to talk about the illustrations they can see. Children will be asked to talk about where the story is set and name the characters from our focus story. Children will be able to listen to and read stories in our bedtime story reading corner.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will work towards drawing and painting pictures of people with the correct facial features. We will revisit our knowledge of how to mix primary colours to create a secondary colour when painting. Children will be encouraged to talk about what they want to create before they beginning to draw, paint, build and construct. Children will use words to describe the materials they have chosen and start to create enclosures when constructing.

Understanding the World

Through work on self-portraits children in Nursery will discuss features that all people have as well as discussing differences between themselves and their friends. When learning about pirates, children will be introduced to simple maps with familiar images to help lead them to treasure! Children will apply their knowledge of positional language to answering simple questions about the map. When learning about the season winter children will begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things. Children in Nursery will make bird feeders to ensure the birds have food during the cold winter.