

# Nursery Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term 2017



Welcome to Nursery. Our first topic this half- term is 'All About Me'. In the second half term our topic will be 'Colours and Festivals'.

#### **Literacy**

In line with our theme of 'All About Me' we will look at stories about families, friends and what makes us feel happy.
You can encourage your child at home by helping them recognise, write and hear the sounds in their name.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alpha blocks

## **Understanding the World**

We will be looking at how we are similar and different, both culturally and physically through our personal appearance. We will then be learning about different festivals such as; Diwali, Eid and Christmas.

### **Physical Development**

We will be exploring how we use our bodies to move in various ways and developing our gross and fine motor skills through differentiated activities within our indoor and outdoor learning environments.

## **Expressive Art and Design**

Using a variety of media we will be exploring our creative side. The children will be exposed to many different materials such as; paint, sand, glitter, play dough, glue, chalk, pencils, felt tip pens, scissors and how we use these correctly and safely.

#### **Maths**

We will begin by focussing on counting and recognising numbers 0-10. We will be using our environment to find simple 2d shapes such as; square, circle, rectangle and triangle and looking at the properties of a shape. <a href="http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html">http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html</a>

## **Communication and Language**

We will be developing children's confidence to speak and verbally modelling how to link their thoughts and ideas correctly. Additionally we will be developing their listening skills by using a wide range of small group interventions, games and activities.

## Personal Social and Emotional Development

We will be helping the children to settle into school life and demonstrate how to access their environment and keep themselves safe. Children will be supported to make friends and friendship groups.

Furthermore, children will be encouraged to follow the school values and routines. This will be demonstrated through the use of our whole school behavioural system.

## **REMINDER**

In this first half term our main focus is to settle the children into their new environment and routines. We ask that you support us in this by encouraging your child to independently enter the nursery and encourage them to remove their own coat. We will support them if they require help. We will be inviting you to attend a variety of sessions which will give you the opportunity to discuss your child's learning and how you can support them at home.

#### **GENERAL POINTS**

Each child must have a book bag and bring this to school every day. Please make sure every item of your child's clothing has their name written inside.

We kindly ask for a donation of £5 per child towards the cost of cooking and other craft activities. Please can you place this money into an envelope and put it inside your child's book bag.