

Curriculum Letter - All About Me

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

During this first term we will be concentrating on children's manners and our behaviour expectations. This will include making and discussing the rules for how we behave in class and towards our fellow classmates. We will be learning how to treat each other with kindness and consideration. We will be finding out about the importance of playing nicely together, concentrating on sharing toys and equipment. We will spend time on talking about our feelings and how our behaviour affects others. We will be finding out about what different groups children belong to e.g. clubs, extended family ect.

Communication and Language

We will regularly be playing speaking and listening games e.g. Simon says, pass the whisper, to support children's confidence in making new friends within their class. Our focus story this term is The Gingerbread Man. We will be using puppets and masks, making story maps, drawing the characters and re-enacting scenes to retell the story. We will be introducing rhyme through playing picture match games and develop children's understanding of rhyming strings e.g. hog, fog, log. Children will be encouraged to talk about their weekend adventures and favourite food and drink.

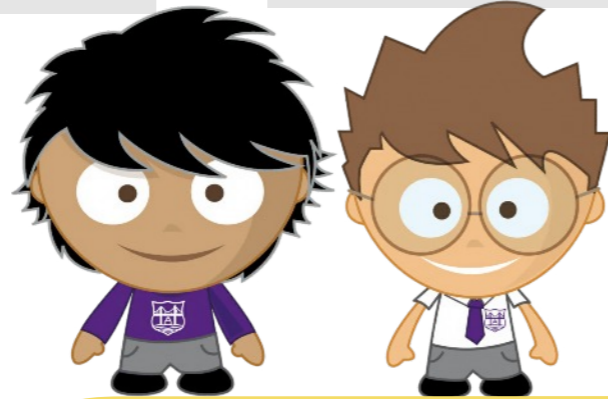
Physical Development

Our sessions this term will focus on listening skills and following instructions so children will be safe when using the equipment. We will be encouraging children to play listening games like traffic lights where children need to follow instructions to carry out the action e.g. hopping, jumping. practise balancing using numerous points of contact. The focus skills for this term are climbing the pedaling on the bikes. Our fine motor activities will supports children pencil grip as well as their control with small objects. These activities will also boost hand and eye coordination. Children will be encouraged to write their name as well as any letters or numbers they know.



Literacy

In Literacy we will be focusing on learning the letter sounds e.g. mmm, aaa. We will also be concentrating on being able to recognise our names and then how to write them on our work. When writing we will be learning how to form letters correctly by using a rhyme and the correct way of holding a pencil. To help us we will be using 'Dough Gym' and 'Funky Fingers' to strengthen our shoulders, arms and wrists.



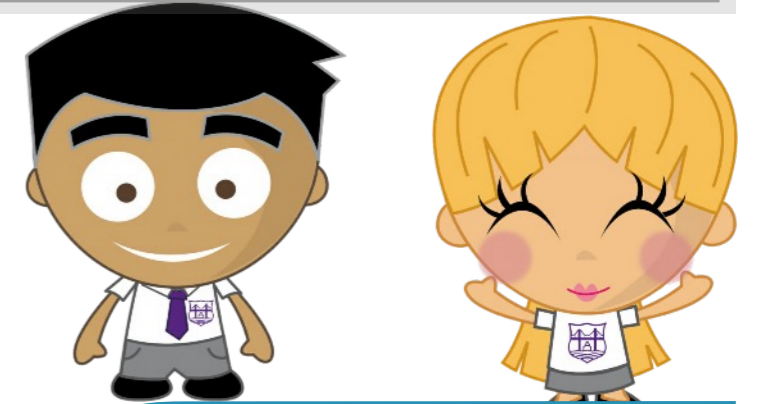
Maths

In Numeracy we will be learning how to count forwards and backwards as well as learning what the numbers look like. We will be singing number rhymes and songs to support our development. We will be counting objects using 1:1 correspondence and matching objects to the correct numeral. To help us we will be using lots of different resources such as cubes, compare bears, cars and dolls.



Understanding the World

This term we will be initially concentrating on learning our class routines and behaviour expectations of the unit. We will be using a visual timetable to support children's understanding of our day routine. We will be eating and baking gingerbread men, pasta salad, pizza, porridge and bagels yummy! Children will also have the opportunity to touch, smell and look at gloop, ice and cloud dough.



Creative Development

Children will be encouraged to join in with singing activities, dance to familiar songs and make music with various instruments. Children will also learn how to use scissors safely and how to spread glue. There will also be a opportunity to paint a self-portrait using a mirror, print using their hands, feet and vegetables as well as drawing life size people! Children will be encouraged to explore the sensory trays and to talk about the textures they can feel.

Reminders...

Book Bags

Reading in Foundation takes place throughout the week, so please can you ensure the yellow book, reading book and sharing book are inside the book bag and brought to school **every day**. The books will be changed weekly or more. There will also be a set of 'red words' for your children to learn by sight, as you can not use your phonics to read these words. In nursery book bags are to be brought in on Monday's or when you child is attending nursery next.

Reading Pets

In foundation children will have the opportunity to choose a teddy and name it. The teddy will then go home with your child and support their daily reading. Children are also encouraged to read to their teddy when an adult isn't able to do so.

Snack Money

Can we remind you that we provide snack for each child within the setting. Please remember to provide **£1** snack money **each week** which is also used to buy cooking ingredients for our special snacks.

Welly Walks

Both foundation and nursery children will go on a 'Welly Walk' once a week to explore our schools' environmental area and the local environment. Please ensure that your child has **suitable clothes/coat/wellies** to change into, as we will probably get wet and messy! You are more than welcome to join us.

Homework

Every Friday your child will receive a piece of home-work placed inside their home-work file. Please can you complete this work with your child and return it to school by Wednesday each week. Also please read and talk about both the reading book and sharing book we send home each week and don't forget to write in the yellow reading log when you have read with your child, because your child will receive a certificate, for each set of 10 books they have read.

Learning Journeys

This term there will be a Tapestry workshop where you can come and find out how to access your child's learning journey. You will also be shown how to upload photos of your child doing exciting activities. Please keep a look out for the letter and password you will need.

Additional Information

* Please keep an eye out for a parent teacher meeting timetable and sign up for a slot. Your child's teacher will telephone you to discuss classroom routines and how they have settled in.

* This term your child will have the opportunity to access skills linked to group games, climbing, pedaling a bike and using the whiteboard pens correctly.

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