

## Nursery Curriculum Newsletter

### Communication & Language

This half term to support children's listening and attention skills, we will be encouraging them to focus upon their self-selected or group activities for increasing periods of time. We will also be providing the children with a range of activities to support them in identifying sounds which are the same or different in the environment. This will include listening walks, exploring musical instruments and the sounds they make as well as everyday objects. To develop children's speech we are always encouraging children to talk about a range of topics for example their interests, home life and favourite food. We also encourage children to use simple sentences when communicating with others.



Communication & Language

#### How you can support at home?

- Ask your child about their day and encourage them to speak in full sentences.
- Play listening games such as 'Simon Says'.
- Enjoy stories together and discuss what is happening in the story.

#### Vocabulary

Listen, talk, sentence, sounds, environment, same, different, instrument, drum, bell, car, book, page, turn, discuss, share.

### Physical Development

This half term we are promoting children's self-help skills in order to help them become more independent. This will include things such as being able to use the toilet, washing their hands and putting on their own coats. We encourage children to have a go at all these activities but we do provide support where necessary.

To develop their physical skills, we are encouraging the development of large (e.g. climbing or moving in different ways) and small (e.g. hand/eye co-ordination activities such as threading) motor skills both outside and inside. This half term we will also be starting music and movement where children will be drawing in a range of ways in response to the music they hear.



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#### How you can support at home?

- Encourage your child to get dressed independently.
- Take them to the park to play on large play equipment.
- Draw or paint together, then discuss the marks they make and model how they should be holding their pencil.

#### Vocabulary

Independent, coats, wash, select, draw, pencil grip, hold, model, large and small motor skills, listen, marks, paint, park, equipment.

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### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This half term we will be helping the children become familiar with the Nursery environment, routines and expectations. We will be encouraging children to play alongside others through a range of games and social group activities. We will be focusing on sharing and taking turns. The children will also be developing their understanding of our 'Show Me 5' carpet rules, this includes: eyes looking at the teacher, lips closed, hands on knees, feet still and listening ears.



#### How you can support at home?

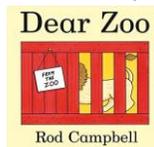
- Play simple turn taking games with your child and encourage them to share their toys with their siblings or yourself.
- Practice the 'Show Me 5' rules at home and discuss the importance of rules.

#### Vocabulary

Rules, routine, expectations, share, turn-taking, social skills.

### Creative Curriculum

Our topic this half term is 'Pets'. We will be discussing who has a pet and who would like a pet. We will think about ways we can look after our pets and which animals would be good to keep as pets. We will explore a range of animals through different books such as 'Dear Zoo' and 'Rainbow Fish'. There is a 'Vets' provision area set up for children to explore and act out different experiences. Within the outdoor provision area children are able to access 'The Great Pet Sale' which will allow them to further explore different animals as well as set up their own shop with their peers.



#### How you can support at home?

- Sing our topic-based Nursery Rhymes with your child.
- Talk to your child about their pet at home, if your child does not have a pet take them to a local farm to see different animals. Talk to them about what makes a good pet.

#### Vocabulary

Pet, health, vet, animal, dog, cat, rabbit, fish, snail, hamster, guinea pig, zoo, farm, jungle.

### Key Nursery Rhymes

- Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star
- Baa Baa Black Sheep
- 5 Little Monkeys Jumping in a Bed
- Alice the Camel
- Incy Wincy Spider



### Key Information & Important Dates

- School Closes for Half Term – 23.10.21
- School Reopens for Autumn 2 - 02.11.21