



Spring 2022 2nd Half Term – Nursery

Welcome back after what we hope was a restful and enjoyable half term break. It has been lovely to see the children settle back into normal routines immediately.

The children had so much fun learning about vehicles and travel last half term. It was great to see them role-playing lots and working together to build different forms of transport. We had lots of fun exploring different sized wheels and rolling them along different surfaces. We have enjoyed reading a range of fiction and non-fiction texts about different vehicles.

This term, we will be learning about space! We are confident that this is going to be a fun and engaging topic where the children can learn about planets, stars, space travel and use their imaginations to consider what else could be out there! We will involve lots of role play and creativity in enabling the children to explore the topic of space together. We will choose a number of exciting stories and non-fiction books to read to the children.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This term, we will be providing children opportunities to develop their self-confidence to initiate activities with their peers and communicate in front of others. We will also encourage children to talk about the things they are good at.

Communication & Language

We will be reading various stories about aliens and space to the children which they will have opportunities to discuss and retell. Children will be following many instructions with multiple steps as well as developing their questioning skills. We will model asking appropriate questions of others during role play opportunities.

Physical Development

To develop the children's gross motor skills we will be using various climbing apparatus, throwing and catching hoops and balls and playing team games such as hide and seek. For fine motor skills we will be continuing their use of mark-making tools and manipulating playdough in various shapes.

Literacy

Building on their initial sounds, the children will be partaking in activities where they hear the sounds in simple three letter words as a class. They will also be exploring letters and sounds in a variety of play situations.

Maths

We will be expanding our number skills and really focussing on counting, recognising & matching numerals & quantities within 6. We want to look at the language and concept of quantity using words like "more, less, the same".

Understanding the World

The children will be learning about different planets, what they look like and their names. We will look at the globe and discuss the blue and green parts on planet earth and all the different countries and people. We will talk about the ways that we can look after our world, such as recycling, reducing and reusing. The children will be encouraged to make observations and discuss things that they see.

Expressive Arts

We will be having a world Café in our role play area, looking at foods from around the world. We will be exploring colour to create our own unique planets. We will be making sea worlds in our water tray and experimenting with various textures to create homes for all the creatures of the world.

Reminders for this half term

- ★ Please ensure your child has **all** winter kit in school including wellington boots and **waterproof winter** coats – **all clearly labelled with their name please!**
- ★ The children should be bringing a clearly named school water bottle to school with them every day.
- ★ All children must have a spare set of clothes in school. If these are sent home, please replace them the following day.
- ★ A reminder for children who stay for lunch that our policy is strictly 'no chocolate and no nuts' in packed lunches.

Mrs Harvey and Mrs Fraser ☺