



## Curriculum Newsletter

### 1st Half Autumn term 2023: Preschool

Dear Parents, welcome to your first half term in Preschool. Here is an overview of our first few weeks learning titled 'Marvelous Me.' We hope you and your child will have a happy time in Preschool.

#### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

The first few weeks of Preschool will be spent helping the children to settle in, get to know each other and to build positive relationships with adults in the setting.

Children will be introduced to a simple daily routine including whole class carpet time, small group time, child initiated learning (CIL: free choice) and snack time.

Children will be supported to begin to learn how to play and learn alongside/with their peers effectively.

We will begin to explore and talk about our feelings, focusing on the following emotions: happy, sad, angry, worried.

#### Communication, Language and Literacy

To encourage speaking and listening skills children will be invited to bring in family photos. We will share these during adult led time and will use them to make a Preschool Family Album which will be left in the reading corner for children to access and share during CIL.

Books and Rhymes will be shared daily, both during adult led and child initiated times.

Children will be introduced to their name cards.

Daily 'Read Write Inc Ready' sessions will focus on developing listening skills as we explore environmental sounds, instrumental sounds and body percussion.

#### Physical Development

Daily 'Busy Fingers' sessions will provide a free choice of activities designed to support children's fine motor development e.g. threading, pegs, tweezers.

Children will have daily access to a range of mark making opportunities during CIL and will regularly be engaged in adult led mark making activities focusing on forming simple shapes such as lines and circles.

Children will have daily access to activities to develop their gross motor skills and strength e.g. bikes, obstacle courses.

#### Maths

Children will practice their counting skills daily as we collectively count how many children are in each day and then count along the number line to put the peg on the right number.

Children will be introduced to a selection of number rhymes including: Once I caught a fish alive; 5 Little Ducks and 5 Little Monkeys.

Children will be introduced to our Visual Timetable.

#### Creative Development and Understanding of the World

Children will create self-portraits and will begin to explore similarities and differences based on the book 'My Nose, Your Nose.'

Children will be introduced to a variety of construction materials.

Children will be introduced to simple fixing and joining techniques.

Children will have access to technology including CD players and remote control cars.