



Curriculum Newsletter

1st Half Spring Term 2024: Preschool

Dear Parents, welcome to Spring Term in Preschool. Here is an overview of our next few weeks of learning titled

'Animals'

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Our PSED focus this half term will be 'Looking after myself, Looking after others.'

We look forward to welcoming lots of new children to Preschool in the Spring Term. We will spend time getting to know each other and children who are already settled at Preschool will be encouraged to help our new children to settle in by showing them where things are, playing with them and showing them our Preschool routines.

Once children are settled we will learn about looking after ourselves when we are out and about. We will practice using our 'Walking Donuts' and will then use them to go on a 'Bear Hunt' around the local area.

Communication, Language and Literacy

To encourage speaking and listening skills we will look at animals in a range of different ways –we will share Zoo Cams, Video Clips and photos to help develop vocabulary and talk.

Children will be invited to share photos of animals that they have at home and parents and carers will be invited to bring in animals from home for the children to meet. We will take photos to create our own 'Animal Album' to share and talk about later.

The following core books will be shared in lots of different ways for the children to join in with and re-tell:

The 3 Little Pigs; We're Going on a Bear Hunt; Dear Zoo and Brown Bear.

Older children will match their photos to their name cards.

Daily 'Read Write Inc Ready' sessions will focus on developing listening skills and an awareness of rhythm and rhyme.

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. Older children will begin to have a go at forming some of the letters from their own names.

Children will have daily access to activities to develop their gross motor skills and strength. We will focus on ball skills and simple games during adult led activities.

Maths

Children will practice their counting skills daily as we collectively count how many children are in each day and find the number on our number line.

We will explore one number a week, covering numbers from 1 to 5. Older children will look at the numeral and explore what it means whilst younger children will explore sorting and quantity, talking about groups of more, less and the same.

Children will also be exploring size and pattern

Creative Development and Understanding of the World

Children will learn about the world around them –sharing their experiences of animals in lots of different ways.

Children will experiment with building structures using different materials as we make houses for the 3 Little Pigs.

Children will be given the opportunity to combine materials in different ways as we experiment with creating representations of the animals we are learning about.

Children will learn about Chinese New Year, including Dragon dances and Chinese cooking.