



Manor Primary School



Nursery Curriculum Update: Autumn Term

Communication and language

As we begin our Autumn term, the children will take part in a range of engaging and fun activities to develop their confidence in speaking and listening. We will be introducing new vocabulary linked to the nursery environment and seasonal changes and encourage conversations about their likes, dislikes and family. Children will enjoy role-play experiences, singing nursery rhymes, sharing their ideas and talking about familiar books.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will support children to separate from their carer with growing confidence and become familiar with daily nursery routines. The children will be encouraged to develop independence when toileting, putting on coats and wellies and following the snack routine. We will also focus on building positive relationships with peers and adults, while helping children develop an awareness of themselves and others through play.

Physical Development

Children will explore and use malleable materials such as playdough and clay, while developing fine motor skills through mark making with pencils, chalks, crayons and paint. Children will build hand strength and co-ordination when using scissors and tweezers, and gross motor skills will be encouraged through exciting activities such as climbing, throwing and catching, jumping, running and dancing both indoors and outdoors.

Literacy: To support early literacy skills, we will encourage children to learn how to handle and care for books while enjoying a variety of stories and non-fiction books. Children will begin to recognise their own names and take part in mark making activities, giving meaning to the marks they create. We will also introduce Phase One phonics to develop phonological awareness through listening games, rhymes, environmental sound walks and fun sound-based activities.

Maths: Nursery will take part in practical and playful activities, exploring shapes through shape hunts, matching games and building with shapes. Counting songs and rhymes will support counting skills and the introduction of the five-frame will help children to begin to recognise quantities and develop early subitising skills. Children will explore pattern, night and day and begin using simple mathematical vocabulary such as 'more' and 'fewer' during everyday play and routines.

Understanding the World: The children will be exploring the natural world around them through hands-on experiences and discussion. We will use our senses to investigate different materials, sounds and textures, while learning about seasonal change and nocturnal animals. We will enjoy singing weather and days of the week songs and encourage curiosity by investigating how things work and talking about children's own experiences, their families and celebrations.

Expressive Arts and Design: This Autumn, nursery will experiment with instruments and enjoy music and action games. Children will explore painting and colour mixing, create clay models and investigate a variety of art and craft materials. Small world play, building with construction resources such as wooden blocks and Lego and simple pretend play activities will encourage imagination, storytelling and creative expression while developing confidence and communication skills.

Respect & Kindness



Responsibility



Teamwork



Growth Mindset

