

Welcome to Nursery!

Our dedicated and experienced Nursery team consists of Mrs Mannion, Miss Pryce and Miss Cockayne. We believe in supporting children's holistic development in order to provide tailored learning opportunities which enable all children to reach their full potential. We encourage children to experience and participate in a wide variety of learning opportunities through a hands-on, play based curriculum. Our planning carefully considers our children's current needs and interests in order to engage and nurture all children, in a challenging yet supportive environment.

In Nursery, this half term we will be focusing on the following books:

- Pirates Love Underpants by Claire Freedman
- Pirate Pete and His Smelly Feet by Lucy Roland
- How Far Do You Love Me? By Lulu Delacre
- Tiddler by Julia Donaldson
- On the Beach by Samantha Meredith
- Commotion in the Ocean by Giles Andreae

We will be focusing on the following rhymes:

- A Sailor Went to Sea
- The Big Ship Sails on the Alley-Alley-O
- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Once I Caught a Fish Alive

Our Learning

- ❖ To develop our **Personal, Social and Emotional** skills, we will continue to focus on the importance of making healthy choices about food, drink, activity and toothbrushing. We will become increasingly independent at putting our own jackets on, doing up zips and packing our own bags at the end of the day. In addition to this, we will develop appropriate ways of being assertive and begin to understand how others may be feeling.
- ❖ To support our **Communication and Language** development, we will be using a wide range of vocabulary and be able to express a point of view with an adult or friend. We will be able to sing a large repertoire of songs and will learn more nursery rhymes.
- ❖ In **Physical Development**, we will be developing our gross motor skills by participating in a variety of different team games. We will also use some of the large apparatus equipment and develop our core strength and confidence.
- ❖ In **Literacy**, we will continue with our Read Write Inc. phonic sessions which will enable us to identify the sounds that different letters make. We will also continue to practise writing our own names.

- ❖ In **Maths**, we will continue to recite numbers and will be linking numerals to amounts. We will also explore the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and learn mathematical language to describe them. We will also explore how to measure items using blocks and learn about capacity.
- ❖ In **Understanding the World**, we will be learning about the ocean, different sea creatures, ways to travel on water and also learn to identify if objects sink or float. We will explore different countries through our topic of Pirates and Holidays.
- ❖ In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we will continue to experiment with different materials and will explore different textures. We will develop our own ideas about how to use different media and learn what happens when we mix primary colours together.
- ❖ In **Music**, we will continue developing our sense of rhythm and pulse through singing songs, speaking rhymes and playing pair games. The Music curriculum in Early Years links to the Themes covered.
 - The music curriculum is following Jolly Music (Beginners)- teaching music skills to children through singing.
 - We will continue to develop children's musical memory, awareness of pitch- through methods including hand movement and use of puppets. We will explore our singing voices and different kinds of voice production (humming, whispering etc.)
 - The children are encouraged to sing as a group and individually.
 - The songs we are going to learn and continue practising are: Slowly, Slowly (using puppets), Pease Pudding; See-Saw, Bell Horses; Jelly on a Plate; Snail, Snail; Cuckoo, Where Are You?; Old Mister Woodpecker; Slowly, slowly; Hob, Shoe, Hob and many more.
 - Songs we know and enjoy singing include: Soft Kitten, Cobbler Cobbler, Oliver Twist, Teddy Bear, Yes we can and many more.
 - The Essential Nursery Rhymes for Children - https://youtu.be/truDO5f2OYI?list=PLFa_ZbUCbla6lO0x8F5Um_8WpEDwEV1S-

Things to remember...

- Wellies are needed in school throughout the year
- A full set of spare clothes are required for every child, placed in a labelled disposable bag
- It's always handy to keep a pack of wipes in your child's bag, to help keep faces clean
- Please don't forget a labelled water bottle and a piece of fruit for snack time!
- On sunny days, please ensure you apply sun cream to your child **before** they come to school. You may also provide a bottle of sun cream so that we can encourage your child to top up their own sun protection at lunchtime.
- Please also ensure your child has a suitable sun hat/cap
- All clothing and belongings must be clearly labelled with your child's name

Remember, if your child comes home dirty, it's because they have had a fantastic day!