

## Personal Social & Emotional Development

We will continue to help the children to settle into their daily routines and to help them learn to play with other children and teachers in their class. All children will learn to dress independently to put on their own coat, paint apron and wellies.

The children will be learning to select resources they need to achieve a personal goal that they set out to do. Sharing and taking turns should become a little easier for children with little adult support. Also, we will help children recognise how to make healthy choices such as: handwashing, nose wiping and snack tasting.

## Nursery

## SPRING TERM LEARNING

### 2026

## Communication & Language

Conversations will be central to our school day!

Through playing and learning children will learn many new words and they will be encouraged to speak in sentences. All children should be able to attend and listen to stories that are a little longer and talk simply about what is happening. We will help the children to concentrate for longer periods through self-chosen learning, playing games, singing and story. The children will begin to start conversations that go 'back and forth' with an adult or their friend.

## Understanding the World

Playing outdoors daily and going for a walk through the forest every week will help children to feel the weather and notice what is in the world around them. We will help the children to look around and notice their environment encouraging correct vocabulary that enables them to express their thoughts.

We will help children to respond to questions about 'what' they are doing, and what is happening. They will be using all of their senses to interact with different materials such as water, bubbles, dough and sand. Our weekly gardening will help the children to learn about some things that grow in the soil.

When the children play with toys such as the animals, dinosaurs, car garage and trains they will develop their vocabulary to talk about what is in our world now.



## Celebrations

We love to hear what the children tell us about their family and what happens at home. If you are celebrating something special please let us know by sending a photo to dojo messages. This way we can print off the photo and talk about it in school.



## Creative Development

The children can make pictures every day using lots of different materials.

They will learn to use the paint station and begin exploring different ways of creating pictures.

The children will learn that they can draw pictures that represent things in our world. Through exploring round shapes, pointy shapes, long shapes and zigzags they will begin to do drawings with pens, pencils and paint.

The children can play in the home area and cook, take care of the babies and pets and dress up in costumes.

We will help the children to learn and sing a range of nursery rhymes and clap simple rhythmic patterns.



## Physical Development

The children will be **developing 'strong' bodies** as they play outdoors every day. They will be able to climb, balance, run, jump and ride bikes and scooters.

The children will also be **developing strong hands** and fingers by using lots of equipment to thread and twist.

The children will learn to pull up their own zip on their coat.

There are so many **tools** that the children will **learn to handle with control** such as: paintbrushes, scissors, glue sticks, pens and pencils.

## Literacy

We will listen to a story every day in our small groups and begin to take part in conversations about what is happening. We will help the children respond to 'what' 'when' and 'where' questions and **join in** with repeated parts. The children will begin to say which story is their favourite. Here are just 'some' of our focus stories that help children learn about our world.



The children will learn to sing nursery rhymes and will be able to talk about the people, places and things in them. Singing the rhyme and understanding what they are singing about is a very important part of literacy learning. Please visit 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds for parents where you can access the nursery rhymes.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/#tabnametabNurseryRhymesVideos>

## Phonics (LITTLE WANDLE LETTERS & SOUNDS)

To prepare children for their reading journey the children will be learning Phase 1 phonics.

Through daily focused games the children will be learning to listen carefully to sounds and identifying what it is. They will be understanding that words are split into parts called syllables and will take part in clapping these. By tuning in children's ears, we will be playing oral blending games too.

## Mathematics



Children will learn that numbers are all around us in our world. We will count our friends and count the boys and girls every day. We learn to look carefully at objects and sort these into groups, matching colour and shape and making a repeated pattern.

The children will learn to recognise and count the amounts 1, 2, and 3 through games and singing rhymes that involve number and counting.

## Literacy

Daily stories and nursery rhymes will be listened to and conversations about stories will take place as children begin to listen for longer and talk about what they can see in the pictures. We will help them to use new and exciting words and join in with repeated parts.

Children will learn to recognise their first name and be able to choose their name from a group.