



Autumn Term Curriculum – Introduction to pre-school / Autumn

Wednesday 6th September – Thursday 19th October 2016

Personal, Social and Emotional

During this term we will be welcoming 11 new children to the setting so there will be a focus on helping them to settle at pre-school by encouraging formation of relationships with adults and interaction between the children. We will be promoting independence when choosing activities and supporting the children as they learn how to play co-operatively. Returning children will be encouraged to help the new starters by modelling the routines and expected behaviour at pre-school.

Communication and Language

We will be encouraging the children to respond to adults with words and take turns when talking to others. Good listening skills will be promoted using explanation, signing and widgets. We will be using songs and stories to introduce new vocabulary to the children and encouraging them to join in. A visual timeline will be used to help understanding of the routine of the morning.

Physical

As we settle into a new term, there will be an emphasis on moving around the setting safely especially with regard to using steps. We will be encouraging the use of large equipment with control and co-ordination and moving with good spatial awareness when in the hall. Good hand to eye co-ordination will be promoted in play and when drinking from a cup.

We will be encouraging the children to wash their hands independently and supporting those who are developing independence when using the toilet.

Literacy

We will be supporting new children as they learn to recognise their name card and introducing them to activities from the 'letters and sounds' programme. There will be opportunities to practise mark making during role play and other activities. We will be focussing on the Percy Park Keeper books during week 5 when we look at autumn animals.

Understanding the World

We will be talking to the children about the Seasons and the changes that occur in Autumn. There will be activities related to the weather and a focus on weather related songs. In October we will be thinking about the Christian festival of Harvest and taking the children into the church to see it decorated for the occasion. The children will have the opportunity to make a baked apple to bring home for lunch! We will be looking at floating and sinking when participating in water play (week 4)

Mathematics

We will be learning to count using songs, stories and puzzles and practising number recognition using paint and collage resources. We will be looking at size and volume when collecting acorns in the garden and using tape measures to see how we can build a wall on the building site. Awareness of mathematical shapes will be encouraged using games such as shape dominoes, making a mosaic picture, printing shapes in paint or decorating shapes with collage pieces

Creative

We will be supporting the new children as they learn to play imaginatively in role play areas which will include scenarios such as a cafe, a weather station and a building site! We will also be pretending to be gardeners as we have fun with the acorns and the fallen leaves! There will be a focus on the colours of autumn as the leaves change colour. We will be decorating autumn animals with collage materials and using vegetables and leaves to print with paint.

Things you might like to try at home

- Talk to your child about the week's theme and help them choose something to bring in for discussion. Please put it in a named bag!
- Practise counting leaves, conkers and seeds
- Encourage your child to practise putting on and taking off their coats by themselves. Show them how to do up the fastenings.
- Encourage the children to recognise their own name to help them identify their coat peg

Diary Dates

Harvest Festival - Tuesday 10th October