

Spring 1



Can we explore it?



Learning in Early Years

Welcome back to Nursery!

This information is designed to help you learn with your child and follow the same themes we are studying in school.

We are going to be spending our time exploring our local environment, going on a walk to Debdale park, setting up a campsite as well as planning what we would need to take with us on our adventures.

Can we explore it?

We will be looking at maps, and thinking of the different places that we would like to explore, such as space, the countryside, the arctic. The children will then decide what they would need to take with them on their journey,. Might we need warm clothes to visit the Arctic.? Will we need to take food and supplies?

We will also be exploring the traditions surrounding Chinese New Year.

Learning in Literacy

Speaking and Listening

We will revisit exploring sounds, musical instruments, environmental sounds as well as working on rhythm, tempo and pitch.

We will also be learning new vocabulary related to colours, animals, modes of transport. We will be continuing our daily speaking and listening time which will help the children to discriminate between environmental, musical and body percussion sounds. This half term we will also begin Read Write Inc Phonics. Keep an eye out for a parents work shop giving you more information on how to support your child's development in phonics.

Reading

We will be sharing stories that help us to explore new places. These will provide us with lots of opportunities for talking, planning and making decisions.

We will support the children to retell simple stories and encourage them to develop the use of intonation and expression when they are reading.

Writing

Emergent writing will be a very important part of your child's early development. We encourage and praise all marks made on paper help children value their own work even at this early stage. We will be introducing letter formation through the taught Read Write Inc sessions.

Working together, parents as partners.

Your child needs to bring their book bag into school every day so we can return paintings and letters from school to you. Please check this every night. You may wish to share exciting moments and achievements with Nursery. You can send a message or share a photograph via class Dojo. We love to see what the children enjoy doing at home.



Learning Outdoors

We will be spending lots of time exploring the outdoors and investigating the changes taking place. Our outdoor environment will become a campsite! The children will be able to experience life in the great outdoors, developing their knowledge of the seasons and weather through a range of structured and unstructured role play opportunities.

Learning in Maths

Number

We will continue to practice counting to ten and will look at counting groups of objects. We will explore making marks to represent quantities as well as focusing on counting using one to one correspondence.

Shape, space and measure

We will be exploring shapes in the outdoor environment as well as using the language of size to help describe the world around us. The children will be playing "I spy a shape" and going on shape hunts to see how many different shapes they can find. We will practice our new vocabulary through a range of games.

Investigation Area

We will have a selection of natural objects for the children to investigate using magnifying glasses to get a close up look at the different shapes and patterns. We will observe changes and record our findings when looking at seasons and weather.

Being Imaginative with Music / Drama

We will learn songs to sing around the campfire when we go on our adventures. The children will have the opportunity to use a range of open ended resources to enhance their imaginative play. Along side this we will introduce a range of items that a true explorer might use. Things such as a rucksack, binoculars, compass and rope.

'Children need the freedom and time to play. Play is not a luxury, play is a necessity.' Kay Redfield Jamison



Points to Remember

We hope you will be able to support your child's learning by helping them with the 'Home/ School Activities' that are printed on the back of this booklet. These activities follow learning and play linked to work within the nursery.

We endeavour to make Homework as fun and interactive as possible and this is a time when you can support your child and enjoy watching them learn. Always make sure that your child is enjoying doing their homework. If they're not then leave it and come back to it at another time.

Please read stories to your child every day. This will help their communication skills as well as supporting the development of their imagination.

Class Homework Projects

'Home Learning' projects linked to our theme of "Can we explore it?". Written below are the homework activities for this half term. We would very much like you to complete these with your child. These projects are to be completed over three weeks and link to the work we will be covering in class. We will showcase the fantastic projects/photo's on our class twitter and website and the children also enjoy having their photo taken with their creations! Below are the two project titles. We want the children to enjoy the activities and be proud of their creations. Please bring them into Nursery for us to share with the other children. We want the projects to be as creative and fun as possible so don't be afraid to take some risks and go off on a tangent!

Project 1-

"Can we explore it?"

Plan an adventure with your child, make a map to show where you will be going and pack a bag filled with all of the things you will need for your journey.

Take photographs of the things that you see along the way and collect any interesting objects that you can see.

Bring everything into nursery to share your adventure with the other children.

Project 2-

Chinese new year Year of the Pig

The children will be tasting Chinese food, making lanterns and learning all about how Chinese New Year is celebrated.

We would like you to research some Chinese traditions and read the story of Chinese New Year together. From this please help your child to find out what animal represents the year of their birth in the Chinese calendar. Talk about celebrations that you have in your home and think about how they are similar.

If you have the opportunity it would be a fantastic family day out to visit the Chinese New Year Dragon Parade on the 10th of February in Albert Square and China Town Manchester.

We will be having a party and we ask that the children dress in red as this is the Chinese colour symbolising good luck. The party will be held on Tuesday 5th of February 2019.