Curriculum Newsletter for Autumn 1 2025

Nursery: Mrs Armstrong

Our Half Term Topic is:

Nursery Rhymes

Communication and Language

Activities: Introducing and discussing new words to the children. Modelling speaking in sentences and encouraging them to hold conversations.

Key Skills: To talk in longer sentences of up to six words. To talk about books and join in with any repeated phrases. To start and continue a conversation with adults and friends.

You can help your child by: Having conversations with your child about things they are interested in, encouraging them by nodding and smiling. If they say a word or sentence incorrectly repeat it for them correctly. **Don't** force them to repeat it.

When reading stories talk to your child about the pictures and encourage them to join in. Can they point to objects.

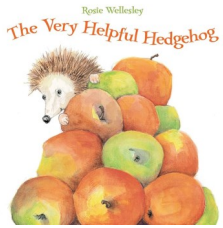
Personal, Social and Emotional

Activities: Talking about the feelings of the characters in stories. Supporting children in developing relationships with each other.

Key Skills: Develop friendships with other children. To follow classroom rules– Be respectful, Be ready, Be safe. To talk about how they are feeling.

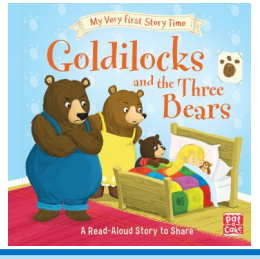
Vocabulary: Happy, sad, angry, calm, loved, frightened.

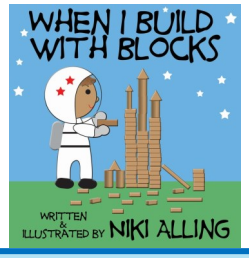
You can help your child by: Model for your child how you are feeling and how you are going to manage it e.g. I'm feeling a bit angry so I am going to take some deep breaths. Chat to your child about your rules at home, keep them short and simple.



Quality Text

Ten Little Pirates, Autumn, The Very Helpful Hedgehog, Goldilocks and Three Bears, When I Build with Blocks





Physical Development

Activities: Using a range of tools to pick up objects e.g. scoops, tongs. Riding a scooter. Playing lots of games which include moving in different ways.

Key Skills: Sit comfortably on a chair with both feet on the ground. Begin to show control when using a range of tools e.g. jugs, tongs, instruments

You can help your child by: Encouraging them to play outdoors, climbing, swinging, riding and having fun. Allow your child to use children's scissors, children's knives and forks, tongs etc.

Literacy

Activities: Reading lots of stories to and with the children, encouraging them to turn the pages. Singing and saying lots of nursery rhymes sometimes changing the words to make up new versions.

Key Skills: Begins to recognise familiar logos e.g. TESCO, LIDL, Lego, Toy Story etc. Recognise their own name. Hold a book the correct way up and turn the pages in the correct order.

You can help your child by: Enjoy a bedtime story every night. Sing and say nursery rhymes. Point out and discuss letters, words, logos etc

Focus Nursery Rhymes

When I was one

Two Little Dickie Birds

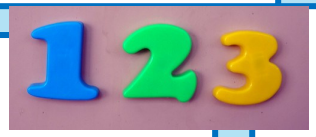
I hear Thunder

Humpty Dumpty

The Grand Old Duke of York

Row, Row your boat

Mathematics



Activities: Going on a circle and triangle hunt. Investigating numbers 1, 2 & 3. Describing patterns, comparing sizes of objects.

Key Skills: Recognise 1, 2 & 3. Count sets of 1 to 3 objects. Name and talk about circle and triangles.

You can help your child by: Count everythings with your child e.g. stairs, sweets, cars. Point out and discuss numbers and shapes with your child. Talk about patterns, spotty, checked.

Understanding the World

Activities Talking and learning about the weather. Using their senses to learn about Autumn.

Key Skills: Show an interest in different occupations. Explore the world using their senses.

You can help your child by: When out and about chat about the weather. Encourage your child to investigate the world around them e.g. the tree feels rough, I can smell the bonfire.

Expressive Art and Design

Activities Building with lots of different things. Playing instruments. Mixing paint.

Key Skills: Explore colour and colour mixing. Listen with increased attention to sounds. Build towers and simple models.

You can help your child by: Spend time with them being messy with paint, building indoors and outdoors and making music—this can be as simple as playing the pots and pans.