



# Autumn 1: Learning in Nursery



## Communication and Language Development

Our environment offers rich opportunities for communication and language development. However, each half term we focus on a topic to further develop our understanding and experiences. This half term our topic is ...

Magical Me!

There will be lots of discussions surrounding ourselves, what makes us special, what we look like and how we are unique. We will also have discussions about our families, our homes, where we live and our friends.

## Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be reading 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Lenas and learning about feelings. Through this story we will...

- Learn to express a range of emotions.
- Learn to talk about our feelings.
- Know that we can talk about our feelings with others.

We will also read 'Elmer' by David Mckee. Through this book we will...

- Understand why we are important
- Learn that we are all unique
- Learn to talk about ourselves in a positive way

## Understanding the World

Our half term topic is 'Magical Me'. There will be lots of discussions about our bodies and what we look like and our differences. We will discuss our friends and our families and our homes.

Our role play area is set up as a home corner, we will be encouraged to take on roles and learn through pretend play.

We may even look at the roles of others around us and focus on those people who help us.

## Supporting your child with their learning

You can help at home in many ways. Singing nursery rhymes and taking time to talk and have conversations with your child is very important for language development.

Take a look at our Chat, Play & Read wall for more ideas, how you can help at home.

## Phonics

We will be working on Phase1 activities developing our speaking and listening skills, phonological awareness and oral blending and segmenting.

## Expressive Arts and Design

In our environment we have many opportunities to be creative and to use a range of materials. We have access to a range of resources that will support our imagination and role play. We also have access to musical instruments to experiment with sounds. This half term to link with our theme 'Magical Me!'. We will be focusing on the skill of drawing from observation. Drawing ourselves, our families, friends and our homes.

## Physical Development

Throughout this half term we have access to many opportunities that will develop our fine and gross motor skills. Such as playing outside, being in the woodlands, taking part in dough disco, and practising our drawing and writing skills. However, each half term we will focus on one fundamental movement skill. This half term our focus is...

Travelling in a range of ways. (walking, running, hopping, skipping etc)

## Mathematics

This half term we will focus on

- Number – Rote Counting
- Colour
- Measurement – Size
- Patterns
- Shape – Combining and selecting shape for a purpose
- Number – Counting and conservation of number

## R.E

As we spend time settling into new Nursery routines, we also recognise the importance of celebrating our Faith. This half term is a time for us to learn our prayers and when we say our prayers during the nursery day.

Our Gospel Value this half term is KINDNESS. How can you be kind to others?