Nursery Term 1

Big Bang: Who is very special – Hiding under here



Special Request:

We would like to make a display of the children in their homes with their families in our home corner. Please could you send some photographs you are happy to have up on display or send them via Dojo if you need us to print them out for you.

Our Learning Overview

Me and My World

Personal, Social & Emotional Development	This term, we will be supporting the children as they settle into Nursery, helping them to feel happy, safe and feel a sense of belonging. We will encourage them to build positive friendships, recognise and talk about their feelings, take turns and begin to solve simple problems with support. Through familiar routines, play and everyday activities, children will also be encouraged to develop their independence and self-care skills, building their confidence in managing more things for themselves.
Physical Development	A key focus will be developing the children's fine-motor skills and strengthening the muscles in their hands and fingers in preparation for early writing. Through activities such as dough, threading, construction, puzzles and a variety of mark-making opportunities, children will develop their control, coordination and confidence when using tools and equipment. We will also encourage independence through everyday skills such as dressing, handwashing and managing their own belongings. Outside the children will have the opportunity to use scooters and begin to use the balance bikes.
Communication & Language	Communication and language will be developed through plenty of opportunities for children to listen, talk and share their ideas with others. Daily stories, songs, rhymes and small-group conversations will encourage children to listen and respond, develop new vocabulary and talk about familiar people and experiences. Adults will model new words during play and everyday routines, helping children to grow in confidence when joining conversations and expressing themselves.
Literacy	A love of books, stories and rhymes will be encouraged through sharing and enjoying stories together. Children will join in with familiar phrases and repeated refrains and explore rhyme and sounds through playful activities. They will begin to recognise their own name and have lots of opportunities for drawing and meaningful mark making, as well as retelling familiar stories using props and imaginative play.

Key Texts

The colour monster

Full, full, full of love

Owl babies

All are welcome

Only one you

My hair

PE – Friday

Please can the children wear their PE top the colour of their house and shorts or tracksuit bottoms. Earrings to be removed.



Mathematics	Through practical play and exploration, early mathematical skills will be developed by collecting, sorting and comparing objects, exploring larger and smaller groups, and using objects for different purposes. Exploring shapes through construction and play will help develop an understanding of position and encourage children to notice and describe shapes in the natural world.
Understanding of the World	Children will explore the world around them by talking about their families, familiar places and their experiences. They will use their senses to investigate a range of natural materials and begin to notice changes in their environment. Autumn walks and seasonal activities will encourage children to observe and talk about how the natural world changes as we move through the seasons.
Expressive Arts and Design	Creativity and imagination will be developed through art, music, movement and imaginative play. The children will explore different materials and creative processes through activities such as self-portraits, family pictures, colour mixing and autumn-inspired artwork. Songs and rhymes will form part of their everyday experiences, while home corner and small-world play will provide lots of opportunities to develop imagination and creativity.

Key dates:

Staff Development Day: Friday 16th October

Half Term: Monday 19th October

Term 2 begins: Monday 2nd November





