



What makes me happy at Nursery?

Dear Parents and Carers,
We hope you had a wonderful summer and are ready and raring for your child to start in Nursery.

Here is our curriculum map for Autumn 1.

Best wishes,

The Nursery Team

In Personal, Social and Emotional Development, the children will settle into their new classroom by learning the daily rules and routines. They will begin to build new friendships, learning how to share toys and take turns with others. The children will also develop their independence by learning to choose activities they would like to take part in and make decisions about their own learning and play.

In Communication and Language, the children will be learning to use words and short phrases to communicate with friends and teachers. The children will also be learning how to be a good listener by enjoying stories and listening to their friends and teachers. Speaking and listening skills will continue to develop through everyday play and conversations.

In Physical Development, the children will be developing their gross motor skills by moving in a variety of different ways, both indoors and outdoors. The children will also develop fine motor skills through play-based activities like threading, mark making, playdough and puzzles, preparing their fingers for writing.

Hook for learning...To introduce this topic to the children some members of staff from around the school will visit the Nursery to introduce themselves.

Sticky Words

School	Same
Teacher	Different
Rules	Friend
Special	

In Phonics, we will be singing songs and playing a variety of games which will support the development of the skills children will need to be successful in reading and writing. This term, in phase 1 phonics, we will be focusing on identifying and naming different environmental sounds and instrumental sounds. We will begin to copy voice sounds, making sounds appropriate for a variety of different animals and modes of transport

In Reading, the children will be listening to a variety of stories and talk about the characters, settings and events which take place. The children will begin to form opinions on which stories and characters they like and dislike and spend time talking about their favourite stories.

In Writing, the children will explore making marks using a range of different tools and begin to talk about the marks and pictures they create. They will start to think about the lines they draw and the meanings behind their marks as they begin to give purpose to their early writing.

In Number, the children will learn through hands-on, practical activities. They will learn to compare groups of objects, identifying whether there are more than, fewer than or the same number. The children will also explore and build with a variety of shapes and objects, using mathematical vocabulary such as straight, flat, curved, round, circle, square, triangle and rectangle. We will begin exploring simple repeating patterns through songs, stories and by arranging objects in lines, helping children to recognise and continue repeats in different ways.

In Understanding the World, the children will talk about themselves, their lives and find out about one another. The children will develop their understanding of the people and activities which makes them happy and safe when at Nursery.

In Expressive Arts and Design the children will be learning about a piece of art by Wassily Kandinsky called "Colour Studies: Squares with Concentric Circles".



The children will be developing their understanding of colour and colour mixing to create their own interpretation of this artwork. The children will explore their creativity and develop their imagination through singing, dancing, role play and using materials to make their own creations.