

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be encouraging children to remember the nursery boundaries and routines after the half term, helping them to quickly settle back in and being role models as we welcome our new children and their families to our Nursery.

We will be encouraged to explore all areas in nursery, both inside and out, developing our independence during tasks, routines and play.

We will be encouraged to take care of our toys and each other, learning to share resources, space and take turns, beginning to learn how to manage our emotions if things don't go our way or happen when we want them to, and working as a team to tidy up after play, putting things back in the correct place once we have finished.

We will be promoting personal development by celebrating positive behaviour and personal achievements.

Children will complete a random act of kindness to follow our class Christian value of LOVE.

### Physical Development

Daily opportunity to ride balance bikes, scooters and trikes.

Climbing and balancing equipment outdoors. , accessing the big playground during the week and mixing with preschool.

Becoming more independent in putting coat on and other types of clothing including shoes.

Daily access to playdough and other malleable activities to support development of finger muscles,

Children will be supported with toilet training should they become ready over the term. We will also be continuing our teeth cleaning program!

### Literacy

Children will explore new texts throughout the term such as We're going on a bear hunt and texts associated with Chinese New Year.

Children will explore We're going on a bear hunt deeper by exploring the textures from the book and even going on a bear hunt around the school bringing the books to life through activities, dance and play!

Children will be given opportunities to speak about what happens next, recalling parts of the story and also talking about different feelings and emotions throughout the book and tasks. We will also be sharing and learning poems.

We will give opportunities to look at print in the environment to help children recognise familiar logos and shop names to help develop early reading skills along with opportunities to look at and read their own names by their photo.

### Mathematics

Children will be exposed to number language during their play. We will continue to count our friends in nursery daily and explore counting in order to 3 through the story of the three little pigs. We will use language such as more, less, lots, big, small, empty full during play in the sand, water. Children will also explore the meaning of prepositions through the story we're going on a bear hunt, introducing over and under, along with other positional language. We will be exploring BIG and small.

### Expressive Arts & Design

Children will explore lots of creative activities during the term including lots of messy sensory play. They will create representations of binoculars to take on a bear hunt to recreate the journey from the story as we look for bears around school. We will also listen to the Chinese music and create our own dragon dance together and develop our creative skills making lanterns for Chinese new year. We will also explore patterns using coloured sand to help support children's understanding of colours in line with Chinese new year. We will create postcards to send to our local neighbours to share our value of love amongst the local community.

### Reminders

Please remember that you can share your child's learning and experiences out of school via Dojo, as well as keeping up to date with what your child is learning at nursery, giving you opportunities to ask your child about their photos.

Snack is £1 a week or £6 for this half term, please pay direct to staff or via invoices sent via parent mail. This allows us to be able to purchase healthy snacks for your children to try with their friends, to help widen their food choices and build up independence and communication skills, as they feed themselves and talk during this time.

We will continue to spend a lot of time outdoors this term so please ensure your child has appropriate clothing to suit the weather such as coats, hats and sun cream. Please also ensure your child has adequate spare clothing in their bags and nappies/wipes if needed.

We are a nut free school, please ensure your child's dinner contains no nuts including spread.

Thank you, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Handley



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Books for the term: 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', 'The Three Little Pigs'



### Communication and Language

As always we will have a big emphasis on developing communication and language skills, engaging children in a range of speaking and listening activities, including exploring new texts together and introduce new language during daily input sessions, routines and throughout play, using ELKLAN strategies to help support our children's understanding and development.

Completing 'Welcomm' assessments and sharing the results with home, enabling us to continue to work together to support your child development in communication and language.

We will also be working on answering simple 'what's this' and 'where is' questions about our experiences when communicating about both Nursery and home.

Children will also start to say how they are feeling, using words as well as actions through staff modelling and using co-regulation techniques.