

Physical Development

Children will develop their gross and fine motor skills through a wide range of opportunities both indoors and outdoors. We will explore different ways of moving our bodies, including balancing, climbing, running, jumping, and negotiating space safely. Daily Squiggle While We Wiggle sessions will support children's physical development by strengthening the muscles needed for early writing whilst encouraging coordination, movement, and creativity. Fine motor skills will be further developed through mark-making, threading, playdough, construction, and creative activities that build hand strength and control.

Mathematics

Children will be introduced to early mathematical concepts through the White Rose Maths Early Years Programme. Through practical, hands-on experiences and purposeful play, children will develop their understanding of counting, sorting, matching, comparing, pattern, shape, space, and measure. Mathematical language will be encouraged throughout daily routines and activities, helping children to make meaningful connections between maths and the world around them.

Communication and Language

Children will develop their speaking, listening, and understanding skills through meaningful conversations, stories, songs, and play-based experiences. As we learn about ourselves, children will explore vocabulary linked to body parts, facial features, emotions, families, and personal experiences. They will be encouraged to express their thoughts, ideas, and feelings, ask questions, listen carefully to others, and build confidence when communicating within both small and large groups.

Term 1:

What makes us all unique?



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term, children will be exploring "**What makes us all unique?**", helping them to develop a strong sense of self and belonging. We will learn about what makes us unique, identifying our individual qualities, achievements, interests, and talents. Children will have opportunities to talk about their families, share their likes and dislikes, and begin to understand and celebrate similarities and differences between themselves and others. Through stories, discussions, role play, and daily interactions, children will learn to recognise, name, and manage a range of emotions while developing positive relationships, confidence, independence, and self-esteem.

Expressive Arts and Design

Our artist appreciation study this term focuses on **Pablo Picasso** and his unique portrait artwork. Children will explore different ways of representing themselves and others through a variety of creative experiences. Using painting, drawing, collage, loose parts, sculpture, and mixed media, children will investigate facial features and create self-portraits inspired by Picasso's work. They will be encouraged to express their own ideas, experiment with materials, and develop their imagination and creativity while learning that art can be interpreted in many different ways.

Literacy

Our literacy learning will follow the Little Wandle Foundations programme, focusing on developing children's listening, attention, and communication skills through nursery rhymes, songs, stories, and listening games. Children will explore rhythm, rhyme, and repeated language whilst building a strong foundation for future phonics learning. Weekly Love of Reading sessions will immerse children in high-quality texts linked to our topic, nurturing a love of books and developing early storytelling, vocabulary, and comprehension skills.

Understanding the World

Children will develop their understanding of themselves and the world around them through exploration, discussion, and investigation. Weekly Forest School sessions will encourage curiosity, resilience, and a connection with nature. We will learn about our families, homes, communities, and how people can be different from one another. As the term progresses, children will explore the concept of change, observing how their bodies grow and develop and noticing the seasonal changes that occur as we transition into Autumn. Weekly Little Cooks sessions will also provide opportunities to explore ingredients, follow simple instructions, and develop independence and life skills.