

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

As the children begin to explore their environment, they will start to form supportive relationships with the adults around them, to enable them to learn how to understand their own feelings and those of others. During their first term, the children will be encouraged to play alongside other children and share and take turns. This will often be with adult guidance, so that the children are able to understand the concept of 'yours' and 'mine'. Children will be learning the nursery routine and rules and begin to understand how to follow rules and why they are important.

Physical Development

Children will be supported to develop independence by putting on their own coats and shoes, as well as managing everyday tasks such as opening fruit, milk cartons, and accessing items from their own bags. They will have regular opportunities to strengthen their fine motor skills through exploring a range of materials and tools, including playdough, paintbrushes, pens, and pencils, helping to develop their manipulation and control. Throughout the day, children will have access to outdoor provision, where they will further develop their movement, balance, and overall gross motor skills.

Understanding of the World

During this topic, children will explore what water is and where it comes from. They will take part in first-hand exploration of water. Children will learn to explore and talk about different forces they can feel as they make their own boats and explore 'floating' and 'sinking'.



Splish, Splash, Splosh!

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Communication and Language

Children will be encouraged to take an interest in other children and join in with their play. They will learn to shift their attention from one thing to another and to listen to instructions, including stopping play when asked and helping with tidy up time. Children will be encouraged to talk and develop their confidence. They will learn to understand simple questions about 'who', 'what' and 'where'.

Literacy

Children will begin to develop a love of reading, through sharing books and learning how to pay attention to a story and responding to the pictures or the words. They may develop favourite books and begin to seek them out and repeat words and phrases from familiar stories. Children will be encouraged to mark make in a range of different ways and they may add some marks to their drawings, which they give meaning to. They will have the opportunity to practise name recognition through self-registration and finding their own pegs.



Additional Information

PE: Tuesday and Friday (am)
Tapestry: Please continue to share home learning and experiences via Tapestry.
Changing library books: Wednesday (or when your child attends Nursery)
Please ensure your child has a **named** water bottle and fruit or vegetables for their snack.



Mathematical Development

Children will become familiar with counting songs and rhymes. They will explore colour through colour mixing and colours within their environment. They will be exposed to and encouraged to use mathematical language within their play.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will explore colour and colour mixing. They will be encouraged to explore their environment, accessing a range of different materials and resources to develop their imagination and creativity. The children will have weekly singing and music lessons with Mrs Milner, as well as regular opportunities to join in with familiar nursery rhymes and songs.