Early Years Curriculum Overview

Autumn Term One 2024

We're off on a space adventure

Week beginning: 12/09/24 Theme: Welcome to Nursery!

The children will be:

- Exploring the Early Years Base and garden.
- Learning the routines and expectations.
- Making new friends; learning their names and talking about their likes and dislikes.
- Listening to a selection of stories and talk about what they see and hear.

Week beginning: 07/10/24 Theme: Changes on our planet

The children will be:

- Talking about the autumnal changes taking place around them and visiting the park to look at these changes.
- Talking about animals and their preparations for winter.
- Learning about Harvest and how it is celebrated around the world.
- Making their own soup using seasonal vegetables.
- Learning a selection of Harvest songs and rhymes.
- Matching objects according to their size, shape and colour. Sorting into the same and different.

Week beginning: 16/09/24

Theme: Welcome all our new friends!

The children will be:

- Exploring the Early Years Base and garden.
- Learning the routines and expectations.
- Making new friends; learning their names and talking about their likes and dislikes.
- Reading a selection of stories about emotions and starting school e.g.
 The colour monster, I am absolutely too small for school.
- Creating their own self-portraits and writing their names.
- Using number names in play.

Week beginning: 14/10/24
Theme: What can I see in space?

The children will be:

- Reading a selection of non-fiction books about the planets.
- Naming and creating their own representations of the planets.
- Making a telescope and using the VR goggles to explore space scenes.
- Making their own books about space and the planets.
- Creating their own planets based on their interests.
- Comparing mass, size and capacity through practical activities.
- Looking at famous paintings and creating their own representations.

Week beginning: 23/09/24

Theme: Roaring rockets!

The children will be:

- Listening to a selection of stories including Whatever Next.
- Identifying how people travel into space.
- Creating their own rockets using recycled materials.
- Looking at different space vehicles and create models using construction kits.
- Finding out what it is like being an astronaut and watching videos of astronauts in space.
- Matching objects and creating patterns using two colours.

Week beginning: 21/10/24 Theme: There's an alien in the

playground!

The children will be:

- Designing and creating their own alien planets and spacecraft.
- Reading a selection of stories including Q Pootle 5 and There's an alien in your book.
- Talking about how we are all different but all friends.
- Investigating how things grow and live on our planet and what we need to survive.
- Designing a menu for an alien tea party and creating their own party food.

Week beginning: 30/09/24

Theme: Landing on the moon

The children will:

- Taking part in Science Week.
- Find out about the first moon landing and role play being an astronaut on the moon.
- Listening to a selection of stories including Goodnight, Spaceman.
- Looking at images of the moon and identify how it changes.
- Creating their own representations of the moon using art materials.
- Following a recipe to create their own moon cakes.
- Using positional language and sequencing daily events.

Ongoing Learning:

- Learning the names of our new friends and teachers.
- Learning the routines of the setting and how to use the equipment safely and fairly.
- Developing our confidence asking for things we need and want.

Phonics:

Nursery – exploring environmental sounds and instrumental sounds. Using their voices to create different sounds.

Reception – beginning their journey through the Read Write Inc phonics scheme.