

Oak Room Newsletter

Another exciting term in Oak Room, as the children are feeling more confident and are blossoming with their learning.

*Please remember this is an overview of what we are offering to the children this half term some children will need to have additional support with some of the activities and others will need to be stretched further to meet individual development requirements. All staff are highly skilled in being able to meet individual children's needs.

Mathematics

We will continue to use the subitising approach with the children subitising up to 5. To those families who are new to our school please speak to your child's keyworker and they will be happy to explain this to you.

We will also be working with the children counting out five objects 1:1 with accuracy, activities at group time, in the outdoor and indoor environment will be set up to support this.

*Counting out objects at home with your children will really support their early mathematical development. *

We will begin to introduce 3D shape names to the children and talk about their properties; the children spend a lot of time playing with 3D shapes and this learning will help increase their vocabulary and understanding of 3D shape.



Rhymes and Poems

The children will continue to be introduced to a new rhyme/poem each week this enhances their vocabulary and their awareness of rhythm and rhyme.

Singing with children allows them to explore language in a creative and fun way.

Creating actions with the children helps them to remember the sequence and pattern of a rhyme. It enables them to explore their own voice sounds!!

Personal Social Emotional Development

We will continue to learn to play alongside and with other children making friendships. The children will also be encouraged to express their own thoughts and interests. As the children continue to develop themselves as an individual being able to manage their own behaviour using conflict resolution, this is a skill we will encourage and being aware of the feelings and needs of others around them.

Traditional Stories



We continue to learn another traditional tale and a modern classic.

This half term our focus stories are. 'Were Going on a Lion Hunt' and 'Handa's Surprise'.

The children have become very confident in retelling the stories that they know and do this in a variety of ways such as looking at pictures, acting out, using props and drawing their own story.

We will also share 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' this story is great, it has some of our traditional tale characters in the story. It also supports the children's social and emotional development; it offers the opportunity to explore their own feelings and the feelings of others.

We continue to focus on really understanding that a story needs characters, a setting and a problem.



We look forward to World book day!!

Culture and celebrations

If you have any special celebrations in your family please tell us about them, we would love to share these with your children at nursery. We love to see photographs of special celebrations so please put them onto your child's Tapestry page.



we will celebrate, Easter, Mothers Day, Holi, this is the 'festival of colour's'



Literacy

We love listening and sharing stories at nursery. Giving the children skills to make up their own stories through a range of different ways. The children will continue to explore and have sessions that include Tales Toolkit. This is where the children in the group create their own story using a variety of different props from 'The character', 'setting', 'problem' and 'solution bag'. This supports the children's creative thoughts and ideas, allowing them to use their imagination and develop their own creative story. They will be really beginning to understand the make-up of a story.



TalesToolkit

Phonics

We continue to develop children's phonological awareness through many different activities at group time and in the wider learning environment. Playing sound games and exploring initial sounds.

Understanding the World

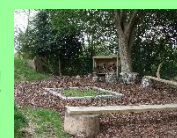
Nature Play seeks to inspire children to interact positively with the natural world around them.

It provides an opportunity to develop skills, knowledge and attitudes for life long learning.

Children have the chance to explore independently in clearly defined boundaries. Children are encouraged to take risks they feel comfortable with.



Children need self-confidence and a feeling of self-worth to learn!!



Planting and Growing

We will continue to look at changes in the natural world and notice that Spring is all around us.

The children will all have opportunities to plant and grow their own flowers/vegetables.



We will continue to explore many opportunities for the children to gain good core muscles. Offering lots of opportunities for hanging, balancing, stretching and will enhance these.

We have been supporting our large physical skills with many different games, using the cones and the bean bags to make it fun, exciting and challenging for the children.