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## Year N

#### In Personal Social and Emotional ...

During the first half term, the children will focus on building relationships with the other children and adults in the setting. They will learn about the Nursery routine and will make choices in what they do. They will learn the rules of the Nursery and will be encouraged to follow these rules on a daily basis.

In the second half term they will work together to understand and respect other people's beliefs and cultures. They will begin to learn about how their actions can affect others.

The children will be encouraged to develop their own confidence and self-awareness through talking about themselves, their interests and strengths.

Look out for an invitation to our Stay and Play sessions, where you can play with your child and speak to the Nursery staff.

#### In Literacy...

There will be opportunities for the children to create movements in order to develop their co-ordination skills and develop their early writing. There will be daily opportunities for the children to listen to and learn new stories. There will be a focus around encouraging the children to talk about what they have heard and make marks about their favourite story.

We will begin exploring Phonics by listening to and talking about the sounds we hear in our environment and words. Children will enjoy rhyme time every day.

#### In Maths...

Through play and number rhymes children will learn to rote count. During our adult led sessions we will be learning all about numbers 0-3; exploring what the numerals represent. They will be encouraged to recognise numerals in a range of contexts and environments.

Children will learn to sort items into groups by colour or shape. Opportunities will be provided for the children to match items and measure things by comparing size and shape.

#### In Physical Development ...

The children will develop their independence skills to manage their own personal hygiene. We ask that you encourage independence at home, as this will help them during their Nursery sessions. Please encourage your child to use the toilet independently and no longer use nappies.

Gross motor skills will be developed through opportunities to play on the climbing frame, tunnel, bikes, use bats and balls. Please encourage your child to walk to Nursery and no longer use a push chair.

Fine motor skills will be developed through mark making, using scissors, threading beads and handling a range of tools.

#### In Understanding the World...

The children will participate in activities to name parts of the body, to talk about themselves, their family and where they live.

They will be encouraged to talk about changes they can see in the environment such as the changing seasons and weather.

There will be opportunities to understand stories from different faiths and to explore artefacts relating to these stories such as Divas for Diwali.

#### In Expressive Arts & Design ...

The children's creative skills will be developed through drawing, painting, collage work using different media and printing using various techniques such as sponges and hands.

Children will have opportunities to explore and use musical instruments. They will sing nursery rhymes and dance to music.

Role play opportunities will develop the children's imagination and they will be encouraged to dress up and act out familiar situations and stories.

#### In Communication & Language ...

Through talking about themselves, their families and things they like doing, the children will improve their communication skills and vocabulary.

The children will have opportunities to share books with their friends and adults. During story time they will have lots of opportunities to listen to a range of stories and respond to them by identifying story language patterns and story sequences.

The children will be exposed to new songs and rhymes during daily sessions, where they will be encouraged to participate and express themselves.

#### What you need to know about Nursery **Important dates this term:** 24th October Learning Together Day 25th October– 3rd November– Half term 20th December —break up at 1.30pm for Christmas holidays Christmas performance– TBC

Staff working in Nursery: Miss Mawdsley Mrs Rashid Mrs Akhtar Mrs Hussain

### You can help at home by encouraging independence:

Coats, zips, feeding and dressing themselves. Support children with toilet training. No laced shoes please! Read lots of stories with your child. Practice name writing and name recognition. Sing number songs with your children and help them to recognize numbers and quantities. Label all of their clothes and bags please.

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