

This half-term, our topic is...





All About Me

Curriculum Area	Areas to be taught in school	Possible activities to be done at home
Communication & Language	This half-term, the children will develop their listening skills & their awareness of sounds in the environment, through a variety of engaging phonics activities. We will sing nursery rhymes daily & will support the children in choosing their favourite songs & rhymes whilst they begin to be able to sing in a small group or on a 1:1 basis.	Encourage your child to sing nursery rhymes & use actions. Talk to your child about sounds in the environment, for example, car engines, leaves rustling & animal sounds. Listen to a range of music with your child to support their listening skills.
Physical Development	The children will have access to a range of activities indoors & outdoors. They will participate in tasks to support their fine motor development, such as their daily 'Dough Disco' & activities such as threading & mark making. We will be supporting their independence in self-care tasks, for example, going to the toilet & dinnertime for 30-hour children.	Encourage your child to: Use the toilet & wash their hands independently; Start to undress & dress more independently, e.g. taking their shoes off & putting their coat on.
Personal, Social & Emotional Development	This half-term, we will be welcoming our new children into Nursery. We will support their personal, social & emotional development as they explore new environments & build relationships with peers. The children will read a range of stories linked to emotions & we will be supporting them to recognise these emotions among their friends. They will be introduced to the Heathfield rules & expectations & we will be supporting them with good listening, sharing & kind hands.	Talk to your child about their school day & about the friends they have made. Encourage your child to talk about their feelings & support them with understanding emotions such as happy & sad. Reinforce expected behaviour at home.

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Literacy	This half-term, the children will focus on a range of stories that link to our topic, 'All About Me'. These stories will include: 'Owl Babies', 'The Colour Monster', 'In Every House on Every Street' & 'I Want a Sister.' We will talk & share ideas about these stories as a small group, as well as completing a range of activities based on them.	Read a range of stories to your child every day & discuss key characters & events in the story. Model how to treat books, such as holding them the correct way up & turning pages carefully.
Mathematics	This half-term in maths, the children will be looking at matching & sorting objects related to their size. We will compare objects using the vocabulary: bigger, smaller, little. We will also try matching objects of the same shape. Towards the end of the half-term, we will focus on the number 1. We will recognise the numeral & explore counting 1 object.	Sing number songs with your children. Sort, match & compare objects at home using the language, bigger & smaller. When counting, encourage your child to place the objects in a line & touch each one as they count it.
Understanding the World	The children will be taking part in small group sessions where they will begin to share ideas about whether they live & who they live with. We will then discuss these ideas & identify any similarities or differences. The children will also be looking at their personal features such as facial features, eye colour etc. This will support the children to complete a self-portrait including these features.	Talk to your child about where they live & who is in their family. Talk about the similarities & differences between your child & yourself by asking questions such as 'Who is taller?' & 'What colour are your eyes?'
Expressive Arts & Design	During this half-term, we will support the children as they begin to learn basic art & design skills. We will look at colour names & will support the children with recognising these colours in the environment. The children will begin to learn how to use art tools within Nursery, such as pencils, paint & paintbrushes.	Explore colours & colour mixing with your child at home. Give your child a range of materials to develop their imagination, for example cardboard boxes & paper & pencils.

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