

Nursery Information for Website

Autumn Term

Wow! This half term in Nursery we have travelled to infinity and beyond. The children have had great fun learning all about Space and the mysterious beings that inhabit there. They have explored how Astronauts can travel into Space and how they can survive whilst they are there. The children have enjoyed dressing up as Astronauts and role playing what it would be like to be in Space. We also had lots of fun celebrating Christmas in lots of different ways from our Dressing the Tree, Our special visit to the Church, The Christingle, Our Christmas party but most importantly our wonderful Christmas Nativity that your fabulous children performed for you.

PSED

In Nursery this half term we have been working really hard to learn to follow Nursery routines and boundaries. We have been learning to listen carefully to instructions which we are given and to follow them. We have been learning to take responsibility for our Nursery by helping to keep it tidy and looking after all of our lovely toys and resources. There children have been learning the importance of working as a team and helping each other. The children have all settled so well now and are much more confident at accessing the different areas of nursery independently. Perhaps most importantly I have seen a massive development in the children's confidence, it has been an absolute pleasure to watch.

CLL

Throughout Autumn two we have been engaging the children in lots of speaking and listening activities to help develop their use of language and their confidence in using it. All of the children are now able to share their ideas with their peers and familiar adults. Whilst doing this we have been promoting effective listening with the children and re-enforcing the importance of listening carefully to each other to help us to learn. We have explored lots more stories with the children, some new and some very familiar. The children have been enjoying listening to stories with repeated refrains so that they can join in. Some of the stories that the children have enjoyed in particular were 'Aliens Love Underpants', 'Whatever Next' and 'Aliens Love Santa Paus.' We have also learnt to sing lots of new songs in preparation for all of our Christmas performances.

PD

This half term in our Physical development we have been practising becoming more independent in getting ourselves undressed for PE. We have been practising putting our own socks and shoes on after PE. We are fantastic at doing this now. We have also been practising putting our own coats on when we go outside to play. Next we need to learn to fasten up our own zips.

In our PE lessons we have been developing our gross motor skills. The children have been learning how to travel in different ways, keeping ourselves and others around us safe. They have explored moving in different ways using their different body parts. We have been learning some different action songs and ring games. The children have been learning how to perform dances to different types of songs.

In Nursery we have been continuing to develop our fine motor skills. We have been doing this in lots of different ways including pencil control activities, cutting activities, using threading boards, exploring the use of tweezers to pick things up and using different types of baking utensils and cutters. We have continued to use playdough to help to develop the strength in our hands and to experiment with manipulating materials in different ways.

MD

During Autumn term two we have continued learning to count to 10 and beyond. We have been doing this by practising counting when we are lining up, eating snack, singing songs and at all other opportunities. We have been learning to sing lots of different number songs to help us to learn our numbers. The children's favourite Number song this half term was 'Zoom, Zoom, Zoom we're Going to the Moon.' We have to count backwards from ten to zero. We have been learning how to recognise our numbers to ten and we have began learning how to recognise these numbers. We have been practising accurately touch counting groups of objects to find out how many are in a set.

In Nursery we have enjoyed exploring shapes in the environment to make lots of pictures and models. The children are getting very good at recognising 2D shapes in their environment. We have also spent a lot of time talking about the sizes of different objects around us and comparing them using specific language including big, bigger, biggest, small, smaller, smallest, tall, taller, tallest, short, shorter, shortest, long, longer, longest.

Literacy

In our Literacy work in Nursery we have enjoyed sharing lots of books with our friends. The children have been working so hard to develop their listening skills when a story is read to them. They are beginning to answer questions about the stories that they have listened to. They are enjoying joining in with familiar repeated refrains. The children have been sharing books with their friends in our reading areas. In Nursery we have been practising listening to sounds in our environment, in particular the more common everyday sounds. We have been practising clapping the syllables in our name to help us to hear the sounds. We have been practising recognising our names and writing them on our fantastic pictures with support.

This half term in Nursery we have been trying to develop our pencil grips. We have been learning how to hold our pencil correctly. We have been exploring using different mark making tools to explore writing in lots of different materials and mediums. We have been learning to talk about the marks that we make and share our ideas with others. The children are growing in confidence when mark making and they are now beginning to present their ideas in a meaningful way to others.

EAD

Wow! This half term in Nursery the children have produced some supersonic art work. The children have had so much fun exploring the use of different resources, materials and techniques. They have tried everything from blowing paint in straws to create firework pictures, making string pictures, tin foil for their rockets, collage, construction, colour mixing to name a few. Some children even had a go at designing their own clothes!!!! We hope that you all enjoyed all of the wonderful works of art that your children produced for your homes at Christmas Time.

As well as all of their wonderful art work the children have also been learning to be budding singing superstars, actors and musicians while we were practising for our Nativity. I'm sure that you will agree that they were all amazing in their performances. They even showed great bravery when they went into the Lynnfield centre to sing some Christmas Carols and perform for the Lynnfield Ladies.

Understanding the World

During our Space topic the children have had lots of opportunities to learn about our world both near and far. The children enjoyed learning about Bonfire Night and why we celebrate it. They were fascinated by the story of Guy Fawkes. They watched rocket launches from Kennedy Space Centre and the first man to step foot on the moon. We talked to the children about what it would be like to live on the moon compared to living on Earth. The children talked about the similarities and differences between the two including the different types of clothes that you need to wear and the foods that you can eat. We have explored Light and Dark with the children. We talked about why it is dark when the children come to Nursery on a morning or when they get picked up at home time due to the change in seasons. We talked to the children about the importance of keeping ourselves safe in the dark.

Your children are reaching for the stars and some have high aspirations and want to be Astronauts when they are older.

If you would like to see some of the amazing work that your children have produced you just need to look around our Nursery.