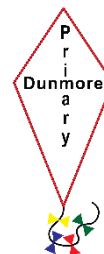




Dunmore Primary School

Nursery Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2024



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Dunmore Nursery. We hope that you and your children have had a lovely summer and are looking forward to being part of the Dunmore Primary School family and starting a fantastic journey together.

We have planned lots of exciting, fun and enjoyable activities to help your child settle and start to learn through play.

If you ever have any questions or concerns please always talk to a member of staff or email or phone the school office.

Our topics for this term are: 'Once upon a Time and celebrations.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

This is our focus in the next few weeks. Initially we will focus on settling them into Nursery and forming good relationships with the children and fostering friendships with their peers. We will be working on managing feelings and behaviour through our positive Nursery expectations: 'using kind hands and words', 'sharing with others', 'using indoor voices', 'sitting with neat legs and not calling out' and 'helping to tidy up'. We will be encouraging the children's independence by supporting them to put on their own shoes/wellies and coats. We will also be supporting your child with their toileting needs and stressing the importance of good hand washing and hygiene.

Communication and Language

The use of language and vocabulary will be encouraged through our everyday fun activities such as role play and carpet times. Through our topic of 'Once Upon a Time' we will be encouraging the children's listening and attention skills. Books are shared daily and we encourage children to talk about their favourite stories and their own everyday experiences.

Physical Development

The children will experience activities to develop their fine motor skills (e.g. building with blocks, pencil and scissor control and threading activities). Over the next few months you will see photos of our Funky Fingers activities on Tapestry. They will learn gross motor skills through playing and dancing inside and also continuously in our outdoor area (e.g. throwing and catching, climbing and running).

Literacy

This is our early reading and writing skills. We share books every day in both morning and afternoon sessions and books are accessible for children throughout the day. We will be enjoying learning our Phonics following the Rocket Phonics scheme.

Maths

We will be learning to count objects and recognise numbers to 10 through number, counting songs and rhymes and our everyday activities. We will be encouraging accurate counting skills using 1-1 correspondence (saying one number name for each item counted). We will be learning to sort items by colour, size and shape. We will also learn matching and making patterns skills.

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design

<p>We will be noticing the changes that Autumn brings to the world around us by experiencing outdoor play, collecting leaves etc and going on Autumn walks around our School. We will learn about different celebrations such as our own birthdays, Diwali and Christmas. We will be encouraging the children to talk about their family and home. We will also learn about Dinosaurs. We will also have opportunities to develop an understanding of technology by using the interactive white board.</p>	<p>We provide creative materials such as sand, playdough, water and sensory materials such as shaving foam and gloop. They will also be provided with many opportunities to develop their imaginative and descriptive language. We will introduce a few of our favourite songs (some will include sign language) dancing and ring games throughout the term. Children will have access to art resources to make marks and begin to create pictures and express themselves.</p>
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Requests to Parents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please log into Tapestry. We will share photos of your child and would love you to do the same. • Please name all clothing shoes, wellies, lunch box and water bottles. • Nursery is FUN and can be MESSY so older clothes are better especially when the mud kitchen is open. • Please sign up for Parentmail if you haven't already as correspondence is usually delivered via that route. Contact the office to arrange this.
Key Dates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Meetings –7th and 12th November • Christmas Assembly at Christchurch - 9th December 9.30 • Nursery Christmas party W/B 20th December (children only) <p>(More details will be given nearer to the time)</p>

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Nursery and look forward to working with you and your children in this year ahead.

Mrs Lavender, Mrs Bailey, Miss Keehan and Mrs Allsopp