Nursery Curriculum - Summer Term 1

The children will be learning:

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- to be responsible for carrying out small tasks
- to be more confident with unfamiliar people
- to share play ideas with others
- to talk about how they are feeling



Physical Development

- to move freely in a range of ways (using gross motor skills):
 - balancing obstacle course
 - hurdles
 - space hoppers
 - jumping sacks
 - big feet stompers
 - standing on one foot
 - hitting small balls with bats
 - finding different ways to come down a slide
- to recognise what happens to their bodies when they exercise
- to develop fine motor skills:
 - threading foam shapes onto pipe cleaners
 - collecting fish and shells in nets
 - washing dolls clothes
 - cutting along lines
 - wrapping birthday presents
 - making cupcakes with playdough adding candles & decorations
 - using precision screwdrivers to deconstruct or 'fix' electrical items



Communication & Language

- to begin to understand how and why questions
- to retell a past event in the correct order
- to ask when and how questions
- to use talk to connect ideas
- to use new vocabulary related to their learning





Literacy

- to use props to retell stories:
 - Jack and the Beanstalk
 - Three Billy Goats Gruff
 - 'Princess' fairy tales
 - The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- to be aware of how stories are structured
 - questioning from adults when sharing stories
- to orally blend cvc words:
 - sound games eg cross the river, what's in the box, Kim's game
- to know that print carries meaning:
 - letter from Jack about his magic seeds
 - instructions for planting seeds
 - signs in role pay areas
- to give meaning to their marks/writing in different media:
 - labels for vegetable seeds
 - themed writing frames
 - birthday cards
 - birthday invitations





Mathematics

- to compare quantities using more, less or the same:
 - counting challenges
 - picking buttons up with tweezers compare amount picked up in 1 minute
 - threading beads onto a lace compare amount threaded in 1 minute
 - dice games
 - using 1p coins to pay for birthday presents
 - counting birthday objects
- to describe and name shapes:
 - cutting out 2D shapes
 - collage with 2D shapes
 - shape detectives outside
 - building with large and small wooden blocks
 - 'I spy' using shape properties
- to use words to compare capacities
 - fitting different objects into containers that are the same
 - how many things will fit into a container?
 - finding the right sized bag to pack things in for a sleepover
- to begin mathematical mark making
 - tallying
- to begin to recognise number shapes
 - matching birthday presents & cards



Triangle

Square



Understanding the World

- to identify and talk about family members:
 - photos, visits, doing things together . . .
- to talk about birthday celebrations
 - birthday parties in the home corner
 - photos of own birthday
- to recognise and talk about how things change:
 - sowing seeds (vegetable and sunflowers) and caring for them as they grow
 - blowing bubbles
 - water in the mud kitchen
 - dried beans and seeds in soil
 - making jelly
- to name and describe minibeasts:
 - minibeast habitat
 - observing caterpillars turning into butterflies
 - ladybirds
 - snail obstacle course
- to develop skill in using controls and switches:
 - remote controlled cars
 - electronic quitars/keyboards
 - torches/light toys
 - stop watches
- to know that batteries make things work
- to talk about some people who help us
 - firefighter small world and role play







Expressive Arts & Design

- to paint in different ways:
 - bubble painting
 - string painting
 - printing with sponge shapes
 - ball painting in large trays
- to fix recycled materials together (junk modelling)
- to make sculptures with natural objects
- to sing a wide range of songs
- to explore how sounds can be changed faster/slower, louder/quieter
- to move rhythmically in response to music:
 - ribbons and streamers
- to engage in imaginative play and build stories around toys:
 - garage, cars and ramps
 - role play bike wash and petrol station
 - castle small world
 - pirate role play
 - farm buildings and animals role small world play



