Reading

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Mathematics

We will give children opportunities to develop the understanding of and use number language. We will recite number names in sequence and we will practice counting objects which are taken from a large group, for example, "Please give me one, two."

The children will be encouraged to notice shapes and patterns in pictures. The children will be encouraged to begin to use the language of size.

Help your child to show an interest in numbers and counting, talk about numbers in the environment e.g. door, bus, house and shop numbers. Count different objects with them e.g. spoons, forks etc. Talk about and help your child recognise patterns and shapes e.g. square, triangle, circle. Help them to use words like 'big' and 'little' in their everyday play and through books and stories.

Additional Information

Remember we love to hear about your child's experiences at home.

Please let us know if your child does anything at home which makes you think "WOW" so that we can add this information to your child's learning Journal.

You can email us at nursery@alexandra.hounslow.sch.uk

Over the next few weeks your child will settle into the Nursery environment. The Nursery has set routines to help your child settle, which they will be encouraged to follow. This will help them feel secure during each session. Becoming familiar with these routines will help your child settle more quickly into Nursery, so please continue with your routine at home.

Please ensure that your child has a regular bedtime and that they arrive at Nursery on time and not having been rushed.

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Nursery Curriculum Overview

Autumn Term 1

Topic:

Colours and Nursery Rhymes

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be hearing and singing lots of different songs and Nursery Rhymes during focused activities and their own free play times.
There will be lots of opportunities for the children to experiment with colours, marks and using paper creatively. We will also learn how to use PVA glue, paint and scissors.

The children will be encouraged to use representation to communicate eg draw lines and say, "That's me". We will engage in imaginative role-play based on own first-hand experience and make-believe by pretending.

Sing songs and nursery rhymes with your children. Encourage your child to draw and talk to them about their pictures.

Understanding the World

The children will be encouraged to make friends with others and to have a sense of their own family and relations.

The children will have opportunities to play with small- world models such as a playground, a farm and a garage and be given opportunities to role play.

The children will begin to acquire some basic skills in turning on and operating some ICT equipment.

Talk to your child about their family and friends and why they are important. Encourage your child to talk about their play with small world models.
Help your child to operate simple equipment and to use ICT to support their learning.

Make sure you supervise your child's use of the internet and teach them good safety habits.

Websites

Read how action rhymes can help your child's development. http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups

We will focus on learning the following Nursery Rhymes: Humpty Dumpty, Twinkle Twinkle, Baa Baa Black Sheep, 12345 Once I caught a fish alive, The Grand Old Duke of York, and Incey Wincey.

We will focus on the following colours: Red, yellow, green and blue (This will help the children to learn what group they are in).

Physical Development

We will encourage the children to develop their gross motor skills and confidently climb onto the Nursery playground equipment. We will also encourage the development of fine motor skills through the manipulation of dough, the use of mark making tools and finger activities.

Communication and Language

During story time we will encourage children to listen with interest and increasing attention. We will also support the children to follow directions.

The children will play games to develop their understanding of simple concepts (e.g. big/little).
They will be encouraged to understand simple sentences and to respond to instructions.

We will engage children in conversations and promote their use of language to share their feelings, experiences and thoughts. We will give opportunities for the children to learn new words and to be able to use them whilst communicating. We will also use gestures, alongside talking to encourage communication.

Our focus will be on building the children's vocabulary. Please look at our weekly learning overview to find out how you can support your child with this each week.

We will be encouraging your child to speak, listen and respond confidently. You can play games with your child where they will need to listen to instructions and take turns to speak, for example "I spy with my little eye something that is red." Make time each day to talk your child and enjoy conversations with them.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will encourage the children to seek out others during play and to share experiences.

We will support and encourage children to separate from their main carer. We will develop their ability to select and access activities and resources. We will encourage the children to express their own preferences and interests.

We will support the children to understand that they can seek comfort from an adult if needed and to express their own feelings such as happy and sad. We will encourage the children to understand and cooperate with some boundaries and routines.

The children will be encouraged to use the toilets independently. They will also be encouraged to participate in snack time.

Following rules and getting along are important skills to learn.

Literacy

We will promote a love of stories by listening to lots of story books, Nursery rhymes, songs, poems and jingles and the children will be encouraged to express their favourite. We will repeat phrases from familiar stories and enjoy rhyming and rhythmic activities.

The children will be learning to recognise their names in a variety of situations. After the initial settling, the children will be encouraged to find their name upon arrival and throughout the Nursery session. If you show your child their name at home, please use a capital letter at the beginning and lower case letters for the rest of their name (using all capital letters can be confusing for your child).

The children will be encouraged to mark make as they draw and paint and give meaning to their marks.

Encourage your child to have their own favourite songs, rhymes and stories. Listen to your child and discover what kinds of books they like. Read them in English and also in your home language.

Talk about the story and pictures. Show your child how to handle books with care and respect.

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Dear Nursery Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to the Nursery at Alexandra Primary School. We are looking forward to lots of fun and exciting times in the year ahead as your child starts a new chapter in their learning journey.

Attached you will find a curriculum overview which sets out our learning intentions this half term and also gives a few suggestions for you to do at home with your children too.

Our focus for the first half term will be settling your child in to our routines and supporting them to feel happy and safe. We will build their listening and attention skills through lots of interactive activities, such as, singing, music making and storytelling.

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We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you to please name your child's water bottle, book bag, uniform, hat, scarf and coat as many items of clothes look the same or similar. This results in children getting confused because they think someone is wearing their clothes. A regular name check would also be appreciated. If you have any questions please email us at: nursery@alexandra.hounslow.sch.uk.

We look forward to working with you and your children this year.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Lovett, Mrs McLaughlin and the Nursery Team