

Mathematics

We will provide opportunities for our children to

- Find and match objects that are the same and find objects that are different. We will promote children's ability to talk about difference.
- Understand that collections of objects can be sorted into sets based on different criteria such as colour, size or shape. Children will be encouraged to think of their own criteria.
- Compare sets of objects and understand that sets of items can have more items, fewer items or the same amount of items than another set.
- To learn that objects can be compared according to their size using language such as big and little, large and small. More specific language such as tall and short will also be introduced. Children will be encouraged to compare and order objects by size and to explain what they notice.
- Compare the mass of objects.
- Copy, continue and create their own pattern.

Encourage your child to look and describe patterns in the environment .

Provide opportunities for your child to talk about things that are big and small and to understand that some objects are described as tall and short.

Topic:



Expressive Arts and Design

We will encourage our children to

- Join in with dancing and ring games.
- Sing a few familiar songs and Nursery Rhymes.
- Develop their colour mixing techniques.
- Use a range of tools to use with care and precision such as paint brushes , using cutlery and scissors.

Support the use of cutlery when eating. and encourage your child to use a knife and fork when eating.

Understanding the World

We will be encouraging the children to

- Talk about their family and understand that there are many different families.
- Describe what they see, hear, smell, feel, taste.
- Name body parts.
- Develop an understanding of past and present.
- Have opportunities to develop and understanding of change and what happens during Autumn.
- Play and explore outside and to explore the natural world.

Talk to your child about some of the changes you see as Autumn approaches. Explore the leaves and the change in weather.

Reminders

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" and send to:

reception@alexandra.hounslow.sch.uk

Physical Development

We will teach, encourage and support our children to:

- Revise and practise their movement skills such as rolling, crawling, walking, jumping, running, hopping, crawling and climbing.
- Develop their skills further by encouraging physical challenges.
- Be active.
- Develop their fine motor skills to progress towards writing well formed letters.
- Develop and refine their fine motor skills enabling pencil control, scissor control and use of cutlery.

Please take time to support the use of cutlery when eating. and encourage your child to use a knife and fork independently .

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will teach, encourage and support our children to:

- Display good hygiene such as regular hand washing (including hand washing after going to the toilet and before eating).
- Display good hygiene when coughing or sneezing., by using a tissue and putting it into the bin and then to wash hands afterwards.
- Demonstrate positive behaviour and to cooperate with friends and peers.
- Demonstrate friendly behaviour and kindness to others to form good relationships with others..
- To develop and build respectful relationships with both their peers and other children.
- Be aware of their own feelings and articulate their feelings
- Develop an understanding of children's right to play.
- Develop a sense of self and begin to see themselves as valuable individuals. Within the classroom.

Please take time to talk to your child about your day and encourage them to talk about theirs too.

Literacy

The children will learn to

- Hear and say the initial sounds in words.
- Read individual graphemes by saying the sounds for them.
- Blend sounds into words they can read.
- Recognise a few common exception words (tricky words).
- To write some lower case letters correctly.
- To write some words based on their phonic recognition.

Please encourage your child to recall the phonemes and tricky words sent home and please listen to your child read to you.

Communication and Language

We will be encouraging our children to

- Understand how to listen and why listening is important.
- Learn new vocabulary based on the different areas of learning.
- Articulate their ideas and thoughts.
- Develop social phrases such as 'good morning' and 'how are you'.
- Engage in story time by hearing at least 1 story book daily.
- Talk about stories.
- Listen carefully to rhymes and songs and recognise rhyming words.

Please read stories to your child regularly and support them to develop a love of stories.