

Nursery Class Curriculum Newsletter



BRINGING YOU THE LATEST NEWS STRAIGHT FROM THE CLASSROOM



KEY DATES

End of Term 1:
Friday 22nd October

Start of Term 2:
Monday 1st November

Parent Conferences:
Thursday 2nd and
Tuesday 7th December

Dear Families,

Welcome to Millbank Academy and to our Nursery. We are pleased to inform you that after their first few weeks at Nursery the children are coping extremely well with the routine of nursery life. We are really looking forward to working with you and your child and together we hope we can make this year an exciting, challenging and successful one.

Communication and Language

In Nursery we will enjoy listening to longer stories. It will help children to increase their vocabulary giving them a rich language environment. We will sing a large repertoire of songs, which will develop their confidence to speak and to express themselves. Other activities, such as the roll play and the small world areas will support your child to talk to themselves and to other peers on their play, developing their imagination and creativity.

PSED

This term the children will learn these routines:

- Taking off coats and jumpers and where they are kept in the Nursery.
- Learning to share toys and space with a lot of other children.
- Washing hands after messy play.
- Being independent in the toilet and flushing the toilet after use and then washing hands.
- Becoming aware of the rules for safe play.

The children will be supported during all aspects of nursery life. The children will be helped to develop a positive sense of themselves and others, to develop social skills and manage their feelings. Children will talk about their needs and will be able to ask for help, when needed. They will also start playing with another peer or a small group.

Literacy

We will be talking about our families and what makes us special.

Some of the stories that we will be reading are:

- Brown bear, brown bear, what do you see?
- The Colour Monster
- Owl Babies
- The Rainbow Fish

We will encourage the children to listen carefully to the stories and to repeat the parts that rhyme or join in with the repetitive phrase. It will help the children to start recognising initial sounds and develop new vocabulary.

Physical Development and Fine Motor Skills

During this term, we will work on the development of balance such as going up and down the stairs, skip and walking backwards. We will also encourage the children to take part in daily morning movement activities in our playground.

The children will mark make, paint and manipulate playdough in different ways to develop fine motor skills (finger muscles).

Activities at home: develop fine motor skills (finger muscles) through tracing over lines and patterns; moulding play dough; threading beads; playing with Lego, and practising letter formation.

Maths

In Nursery, we will be providing children with opportunities to develop and improve their skills in counting, understanding and using numbers. Our mathematical concepts are:

- Oral Counting- counting in sequence and stable order 1-5.
- 1 to 1 correspondence to 5.
- Concept of 0.
- Number can be representing in variety of ways- cones, buttons, clapping, drawing, numeral, cups of water.
- Big and small.
- 2D shapes.

Key vocabulary: big, small, 2D shapes, square, triangle, rectangle, circle, colour, shape, size, texture, sound, smell, full and empty

Activities at home: We will be using these words a lot in all areas of play and it will be very helpful if you could also use them at home as well. Count everyday objects, and look out for shapes and numbers in the environment. E.g. the number 2 bus, a rectangular window, writing numbers 0-3. Sing number songs & rhymes.

Understanding the World

This term we will be focusing on settling your child into the routine of life in the nursery, helping them to become more independent and to become familiar with their new environment, the staff and the other children. During the next few weeks we will be planning activities around the theme: All About Me and Autumn. We will encourage the children to talk about themselves and their families.

We will also look forward to learning about:

- Exploring Halloween and Fireworks Night through stories, art and craft.
- Commemorating Remembrance Day (Personal, Social and Emotional Development).
- Preparing for Christmas and our Christmas play.

Key vocabulary: mum, dad, brother, sister, grandma, grandfather, aunty, uncle, leaves, tree, wind, rain, Halloween, bonfire night, fireworks, remembrance day, poppies



Reminders

Toileting:

Please encourage your child to be as independent as possible at home when going to the toilet. It will help very much if children wear clothes that they can manage themselves.

Snack:

At each session children are offered a drink of milk, or water and a piece of fruit.

Clothes:

Please make sure your child's name is on their coat and all items. Please, keep a named bag of spare clothes on your child's peg, in case of accidents or getting wet. It should contain t-shirt/tops, trousers, underwear, and socks, adapted to the weather.

Toys/valuable items from home should not be brought into school.

Lunchtimes:

Due to dietary requirements and allergies, children **must not** bring any **nut based products**; this includes peanut butter and chocolate spread.

We have a child with a nut allergy in nursery so it essential there are no nuts in packed lunches.

Please no fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate bars. Grapes must be cut in half lengthways.

Drink bottles:

All children must have a bottle of water at school every day. Please label it with their names and take it home every day after school. Bring it back the next day with fresh water.

Physical Education:

We will have a short session of PE on **Friday**. Please send your child wearing the appropriate footwear and clothes.

Children Arriving at Nursery

The school day begins at 8.40-8.50 and ends at 3.15pm.

Please ensure that all children are left directly into their classroom by whoever is leaving them to nursery, as the staff will be unaware of their presence until they enter the room. We also ask that children are supervised at all times before nursery starts.

We have set your child on Tapestry to upload observations related to their learning.

We are very looking forward to starting this exciting new school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to us in the morning or after school. We appreciate your patience at busy times.

Many thanks for all your support,

The Nursery Team