

Communication and Language

Nursery rhymes provide many opportunities for children to enjoy speaking and listening. The children will be encouraged to anticipate key events and respond to what they hear with relevant comments, questions or actions. Craft activities related to the topic will encourage speaking and listening as well as requiring the children to follow instructions. Discussions around the rhymes will allow children to develop their understanding.

Literacy

Discussions regarding rhymes and stories will develop the children's vocabularies. The children will be encouraged to give their attention to what others say and respond appropriately. Mark making activities will allow the children to explore the early stages of writing.

Physical Development

Through our theme the children will enjoy movement activities and learn how to handle tools and equipment. Activities such as making spider's webs and using play dough will help to develop fine motor skills. Putting actions to rhymes and acting them out will develop gross motor skills.

Nursery Overview

Autumn 1 2017

Settling in/Nursery Rhymes

Understanding of the World

To understand their world children need to gain knowledge. Themes from nursery rhymes such as materials that break (Humpty Dumpty), observing spider's webs (Incy Wincy), drum sounds (Grand old Duke of York), will encourage children to question and explore.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Throughout this term the children will become familiar with the classroom equipment and routine providing them with security. They will be encouraged to take turns and share nursery toys and equipment. Collaboration will help children to begin to make and build relationships with both staff and other children. Recognising and sharing feelings will give the opportunity for children to manage their own behaviour.

Mathematics

We will concentrate on rhymes using numbers up to 5. This will support the children to count and recognise numbers to 5. Using these rhymes will also practice early subtraction. Through our craft activities related to our topic we will explore shape and measure. Adults will model the mathematical language of 'more' and 'less' throughout.

Expressive Arts and Design

Whilst engaged in our theme the children will experience working with a variety of materials, tools and techniques in our craft activities. Adding percussion, dance or using puppets to accompany the rhymes allows the children to be imaginative. Throughout all of the activities the children will be encouraged to express themselves through painting, collage, making models, music, dance and role play.