



Windale Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

Nursery - Spring term 1 2026

Communication and Language

This term, the children will continue to spend short periods of time working in small groups. The children will be given opportunities to listen to other children and to respond to others' ideas and conversations. We will continue to practise taking turns in conversations, listening to others and building our self-confidence to speak in front of a familiar group.

Each week, we will be sharing a new book together and there will be props so that the children can retell the story during their independent play. The children will be encouraged to join in with the story, predict what might happen next and suggest how the story might end.

Understanding of the World

This term we will be talking about and exploring the changing environment and weather during Winter. We have already enjoyed wrapping up warm to explore the frost and ice in our garden area! With ever changing whether we are learning to make decisions about what we need to wear to keep us dry and or warm.

This term we have learnt about the Arctic and the animals which live there. As part of our this we explored ice with our senses and discovered what it is made from and what happens to it when it melts.

We have observed the changes to our garden area and watched the peopl build it. We are really looking forward to exploring it!

Maths

At the beginning of this term, we have been talking about and spotting different patterns in the world around us e.g. animal print and on clothes and socks. We will then be identifying, extending our own repeated patterns using blocks, beads, stickers and everyday objects.

Through stories, rhymes, songs and daily routines we will explore quantities and numbers. Play will provide opportunities to explore shapes, colours and sizes both inside and outside.

We will be continuing to recite numbers up to 10 and show finger numbers when singing counting songs. This term we will continue to practise our subitising (instantly being able to a small number of objects without having to count each one) up to 4 as well as practising counting objects up to five in different ways.

As we explore the shapes in the world around us we will start to talk about their properties such as round, curved, pointy, straight, corners, flat etc.

Literacy

This term the children will have lots of opportunities to share books and rhymes both inside and outside. They will be listening and enjoying stories as well as using books to find out more information. This will include learning the different parts of a book.

We will also continue to learn how print is used in the world around by reading labels and following recipes. We will start to create our own labels, shopping lists and recipes to support our play.

To develop children's writing skills, we will continue mark making with different tools including chalk, paint, foam and crayons. We will be teaching name recognition and then when each child is ready we will teach them to some of the letters in their name.

Physical

This term we will be exploring different ways of moving around, such as hopping, skipping, jumping. Inside, the children will have the opportunity to develop their dance skills through listening to a range of different music. This will include making up our own ribbon and dragon dance for Chinese New Year.

Outside the children will have opportunities to practise their balancing along wooden planks and chalk lines. The children will be practising their pedalling and balancing skills as they ride tricycles and balance bikes around our track.

We will be encouraging independence by asking the children to put on their own coats and shoes and fasten them with support as well as use the toilet independently. **Please continue to practise this at home.** We will continue to develop fine motor skills through a range of activities such as threading, play dough and small construction.

PSHCE

We have welcomed our new children into our class this term and they are settling in beautifully. The older Nursery children have been helping our new children explore and use our classroom environment. The children have enjoyed making new friends.

This term there will be lots of opportunities to practise turn taking and we will be encouraging the children to ask for help from an adult if they need help managing emotions or conflicts.

We will be also learning to talk about our own emotions as well as thinking about how others are feeling

Expressive Arts and Design

There are lots of opportunities for children to use their creativity. Inside the children can use a variety of different collage and junk modelling materials for their own projects. We will be encouraging the children to make simple models and pictures, and we will learn how to join things together with tape or glue. Outside the children can create on a larger scale, painting on the easel or old sheets and using cardboard boxes to create models like dragons or cars to support their imaginative play. We will be designing and creating a new stage area where the children can explore the different instruments and sing familiar and new songs.

How can I help my child at home?

- Sing songs and rhymes with your child at home (click on the links below to hear the ones we will be singing this term).
- Share books together.
- Help your child recognise their name by writing it for them on drawings and showing them their name labels on their coats etc.
- Teach them to put on their coat and put up the zip once you have fastened it.
- Notice and talk about patterns on clothes
- Notice and talk about weather.

Nursery Rhymes

These are some of the rhymes we will be singing this term:

- Here we go round the Mulberry Bush [Here we go round the mulberry bush - BBC Teach](#)
- Hickory Dickory Dock <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-hickory-dickory-dock/znpj47h>
- Row Row Row your boat [Row, row, row your boat - BBC Teach](#)
- Mix a Pancake <https://youtu.be/N41kZCfRkuk>
- **Please see our notice board to see which rhyme we are doing each week.**

Number Rhymes

These are some of the number rhymes we will be learning this term.

- **Here is the Bee Hive** [Here is the beehive, where are the bees? - BBC Teach](#)
- **Five Little Monkeys Swinging in a tree** [Five little monkeys swinging from a tree - BBC Teach](#)
- **Five Little Speckle Frogs-** [Five little speckled frogs - BBC Teach](#)
- **Two Little Dicky Birds** <https://youtu.be/apIwz06C5DY>

Nursery Library Books

We will start to give these out again after half term.



Stories this term



Spare Clothes

Please ensure that your child has a spare set of clothes in his/her bag. Please can this include:

- Pants/knickers (nappies and wipes if needed)
- A T-shirt and jumper
- Trousers or leggings
- Socks



Although we have some waterproofs and wellies in Nursery for the children to use, please ensure your child has a warm coat everyday and a hat, scarf and gloves in school, as we go out in all weathers!

Please ensure that everything is named including water bottles and shoes!

Important dates

- Wednesday 25th March- stay and play- Maths and Easter focus - time TBC
- Wednesday 20th May- Nursery class Reading event for parents- time TBC
- Wednesday 15th July- End of Nursery graduation celebration- time-TBC