

Windale Primary School Curriculum Newsletter



Nursery Am - Autumn Term 1 2024

Communication and Language

This term we will be encouraging the children to listen and follow instructions. We will focus on extending their vocabulary and their understanding of simple concepts. The children will listen to a variety of stories and talk about their own ideas and feelings.

Physical

The children will have daily opportunities to develop their gross and fine motor skills, through activities inside the classroom, such as drawing, using scissors and manipulating play dough. They will also have continuous access to the outdoor area throughout the year. The outdoor environment has climbing equipment, bikes, basketball hoop, balancing beams, balls, ribbons to name but a few.

Literacy

We will practise and develop our mark making using a range of different mediums, such as foam, pens, crayons, sand, paint and gloop. We will be sharing a variety of stories and books with the children allowing them to become familiar with different pictures and words. Through a range of activities children will raise their awareness of the sounds around them and will develop their listening skills.

PSED

This term we will be helping the children to settle into a routine in nursery and become confident in their key groups. We will be talking to the children about using kind hands, feet and words while playing with their friends. During games, group time and play we will encourage turn taking. Throughout the day children will be encouraged to become independent learners and to help each other. We will be learning how to put our coats and shoes on independently.

Maths

Children will learn number knowledge by singing counting songs/rhymes, reciting numbers in a sequence, looking at numbers and counting their fingers. They will explore number every day during their play. We also will start to practise our subitising up to 3 (instantly being able to a small number of objects without having to count each one). Outside there will be lots of opportunities to compare sizes and the capacity of different objects during water, sand and messy play. Inside we will explore and talk about size and shape during block play, junk modelling and playdough to name a few. We will use our visual timetable to help us to understand what we have done and what we will do next. This will help us to begin to use time words (such as now, next, then,).

UW

This term we will be getting to know each other which will include talking about how we are similar and different. We will also be talking about our families and we will start to look at how we have changed since we were babies. Whilst outside the children will also be encouraged to observe and talk about what is happening in the world around them including experiencing and talking about the changes in weather and seasons.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will engage in regular role play in our home corner and outside in our mud kitchen and building area. They will construct models out of different building materials and explore their creative ideas through the use of paints and collage materials in our Art area. Our outdoor stage gives opportunities for the children to sing songs and make their own music with a variety of musical instruments. They will learn and perform familiar and new songs during group time.

Nursery Rhymes

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



- **Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star**
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-twinkle-twinkle-little-star/zds6jhw>
- **Tiny Tim** | [Had a Little Turtle nursery rhyme music and lyrics](#) | [Words for Life](#)
- **Head Shoulders, Knees and Toes**
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-heads-shoulders-knees-and-toes/zd9f6v4>
- **Miss Polly had a Dolly** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-miss-molly-had-a-dolly/zbjcy9q>
- **If you're happy and you know it!**
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-if-youre-happy-and-you-know-it-clap-your-hands/z6rnmfr>



Number Songs

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

- **Five Little Ducks** - [Five little ducks went swimming one day - BBC Teach](#)
- **1,2,3,4,5 Once I caught a fish alive-** [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Once I caught a fish alive - BBC Teach](#)
- **Five Little Monkeys-** [Five little monkeys jumping on the bed - BBC Teach](#)



How can I help my child at home?

- Share books together everyday. Read to your child and talk about is happening in the story and what your child can see in the pictures.
- Sing Nursery rhymes and songs together
- Help your child to be independent by teaching them to put their coat and shoes on.
- Sing number rhymes together and talk about amounts of toys or objects e.g. you have 1 red car and 2 blue cars. I see 2 oranges 1 for you and 1 for me!
- Talk about what you can see and hear on the way to school. Play simple version of eye spy. I can see a _____. I can hear a _____.

As the weather is changing, please can you send your child in with a waterproof coat and wellies and ensure all items of clothing are labelled.



★ Star of the Day ★

Each day we will chose a child as our 'Star of the Day'. The children may receive these for being a fantastic learner, for being a great friend or for being a great helper.

They will bring home a special certificate to share with you.