Autumn Term 2017

Throughout the Autumn Term we will be exploring a range of familiar and not so familiar Nursery Rhymes. The children will have a chance to dress up as characters, act out the rhyme and make up stories around their favourite characters.

During our floorbook sessions, the children will have the opportunity to share ideas and express their opinions. These sessions allow the adult to model responses and encourage the children to widen their vocabulary. The questions we will ask are hard to predict as they follow the interests of the children; but we will be exploring questions such as what comes out at night (Twinkle Twinkle Little Star)? Or what happens when it rains (Incy Wincy Spider)?

The child initiated play areas will include playdough, funky fingers (activities to strengthen hand muscles ready for writing), role play, painting, drawing / mark making, model making, construction, sand, water and outdoor play.

For Personal, Social and Emotional Development the activities include circle time, looking at different feelings and thinking about what makes us happy. We will follow the school's Five Golden Rules and lay the foundations for the Preston Curriculum developing the children's resilience, critical thinking, creative thinking and independence.

In Physical Development we will be focusing on developing a comfortable pencil grip and using tools. We will also take part in regular 'Squiggle whilst you Wiggle' sessions and playdough disco. These regular sessions will help to develop the children's fine and gross motor skills. The children will be supported and encouraged to take care of their own dressing and toileting while at Nursery.

In Communication and Language, the children will be looking at and following instructions when baking/cooking, developing their attention and listening skills, understanding the use of objects when we are sticking/constructing/cooking and being able to answer simple questions. The children will be given the opportunity every day to play in the conservatory and outside area, where they will be able to develop these skills further. The children will also have daily phonic lessons which will look at general sound discrimination, rhythm and rhyme, alliteration, voice sounds and oral blending and segmenting.

Whenever we can count, we will – children on the carpet, fruit at snack time and tooth paste for brushing our teeth! In addition to number work we will be using shapes to create our own houses, sorting colours, using shapes to make pictures and sorting the size of objects.

Preston Curriculum for Autumn will focus on Teamwork. The children will be provided with lots of opportunities to work together in play and on specific tasks which will foster their leadership and team player skills.

We welcome parents' views and ideas, and value your input into your child's education. We plan to continue with "Open Sessions" in Nursery and you are always welcome to leave comments in the orange books or chat to us on the door.

Thank you for your continuing support,

Mrs Quince and *Mrs Cracknell*

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