



Nursery Curriculum Overview - Autumn 1

Topic Overview	All About Me - Children will be learning about their individual characteristics that makes them unique.
Big Bang Day	Date - Tuesday 10 th Children will be asked to bring in a picture of themselves as a baby to share and compare with peers.

Mathematics	This half-term, we will be learning numbers through songs and rhymes. We will be reciting numbers in order and starting to recognise numerals to 5 and beyond. We will explore simple 2D shapes through our play opportunities, learning their names and some properties.
Literacy	We will be teaching the foundation for phonics using the <u>Little Wandle Letters and Sounds</u> scheme. The children will share a variety of fiction and non-fiction books both independently and as a whole class. They will be provided with various mark-making resources and be encouraged to experiment and give meanings to marks that they draw and paint.
Personal, Social & Emotional Development	Children in Bluebells will start to learn the class rules and routines. They will be encouraged to interact with new people, in the safe context of their setting and build confidence in new social situations. They will start to build relationships with both adults and peers. They will be increasingly independent in meeting their own care needs, using the toilet, washing and drying their hands thoroughly.
Communication & Language	Children will be encouraged to use a wider range of vocabulary and start to understand a question or instruction that has two parts. The children will get to know many rhymes, be able to talk about familiar books, and be able to tell a story from memory. The children will also learn a large repertoire of songs.
Understanding the World	Children will learn to use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials as well as explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties. They will talk about what they see, hear, touch, smell and taste, using a wide range of vocabulary through first hand experiences and show a preference for likes and dislikes.
Expressive Arts & Design	Children will be encouraged to explore different materials freely as well as develop their ideas about how to use them and what to make. They will develop their own ideas and then decide which materials to use to express them. Children will join different materials and explore different textures. They will begin to develop complex stories using small world equipment like animal sets, dolls and dolls houses, etc.
Physical Development	Children will continue to develop their movement, balancing, riding (scooters, trikes and bikes) and ball skills. They will go up steps and stairs, or climb up apparatus, using alternate feet. Large-muscle movements to wave flags and streamers, paint and make marks will be modelled and developed. They will also take part in Dough Disco daily, to support strengthening pencil grip for mark making.

