Communication and Language

This term, a large part of our learning will be devoted to developing our listening skills. These are important so that we can take part in conversations, make friends and enjoy stories. We will play some games that put our listening skills to the test, as well as using musical instruments to observe differences in sounds. We will be learning lots of new words in Nursery and will start to use these when we are talking - we might not always get it right the first time! It is important that we try to use the new words that we have learnt as well as chatting to our new friends and role playing. We will be encouraged to join more words together when we are speaking (for some children this will be 1 or 2 words, for others it will be full sentences).

Expressive Art and Design

We will focus on exploring different media and materials in the classroom. During group time we will create a self-portrait using pencils and loose parts.

Physical Development

This term we will be focusing on developing the children's gross motor (big movements) and fine motor skills (little movements). We will be looking at the different ways that we can move, both inside and outside, and thinking how we can do this safely. We will work on building up the muscles in our hands through activities such as



playdough and threading. We will also be visiting the Forest where we will be developing our balance and climbing skills.

Literacy

We will be exploring lots of lovely stories including <u>'Owl Babies'</u> and <u>'Monkey Puzzle'</u>. A big part of our learning will be around caring for books and developing a love of learning. The children will also have lots of opportunities to 'mark make' using different resources.

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What are we learning this term?

Please remember to read with your child every day for 5-10 minutes.

Please check Tapestry regularly for any updates.

For anything urgent, please contact the school office.

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Maths

To develop the children's mathematical skills, we will be practising the order of the numbers (saying them in the correct order) through number songs and rhymes e.g. "1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive." We will also be beginning to identify how many items we can see when it is a very small group (up to 3 items) – this is called Subitising. You can practise this at home or on the way to Nursery, for example "I can see 3 red cars."

Personal Social and Emotional Development

This term, our theme is 'All About Me.' We will be thinking about who is in our family and naming those people. We will also be naming parts of the body (e.g. head, leg, elbow) and identifying different features of our faces such as eyebrows.

As we build relationships this term, we will be learning about each other and talking about what we like and don't like.

We will be making friends this term, developing our social skills to play alongside and with other children, and starting to understand when our friends don't like something that we are doing. We will also be learning the rules and routines that we have in Nursery as well as talking about the choices that we make.

Understanding the World

We will discuss what we did *yesterday*, what we are doing *now* and what we will do *tomorrow*. This is something that you can practise at home.

Part of our learning will be about where we live and our school environment.

We will also look at how we have changed since we were a baby such as how we look, what we eat and what we can do.