



Play... Learn... Grow... Together!

Ordsall Primary School



What we are learning during the autumn term in Nursery...

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term in Personal, Social and Emotional Development, the children will be growing in independence and confidence in their play and daily routines. They will practise using toys and equipment safely, helping adults with simple tasks, and joining in with tidy-up time. Children will be encouraged to separate from their carer with confidence, take off and hang up their coat, use the toilet, and choose and eat their snack independently. Through play and group activities, they will develop friendships, begin to share and take turns, and learn about making good choices in their behaviour. We will support them in understanding their own feelings and those of others, as well as learning safe ways to respond when they feel upset or angry.

Communication and Language

This term in Communication and Language, children will be developing their listening and speaking skills through stories, rhymes, songs, and play. They will be encouraged to enjoy longer stories, join in with rhymes and action songs, and use pictures to talk about what is happening in books. We will support them in understanding and responding to simple questions and instructions, including using the stop sign in nursery. Children will have opportunities to repeat and use new words, build simple sentences, and begin to talk about their own likes and favourites. They will also be encouraged to use words, gestures, and actions to communicate and to begin using talk within their play.

Physical Development

This term in Physical Development, the children will be exploring how to move their bodies in different ways through play, games, and action rhymes. They will practise using ride-on toys, balls, climbing equipment, and steps, as well as learning to stop and stand still during activities such as freeze games. Children will enjoy moving with flags and streamers and taking part in group games, sometimes with support. They will also be developing their fine motor skills by using one-handed tools, picking up pencils to make marks, and learning how different resources are used. As part of building independence, they will continue to practise taking off their coat and hanging it on their peg.

Literacy

This term in Literacy, the children will be developing their early reading and writing skills through books, stories, and mark-making. They will learn that books have words and pictures, practise turning pages the right way, and begin to point to text while reading. With support, they will talk about what has happened in a story using pictures and prompts, as well as start recognising familiar signs and logos from the local environment. Children will also have opportunities to create their own marks, talk about their drawings, and begin to add marks to represent their name. Some children may also start recognising their own name, for example on their name star. Through rhymes, clapping patterns, and shared stories, they will continue to enjoy exploring the building blocks of literacy. We will also have our Nursery Library outside our doors each day (weather permitting) and welcome you take a book home to read with your child. Just return it and feel free to swap it for another when you are done.

Mathematics

This term in Mathematics, the children will be exploring numbers, shapes, and patterns through fun games and activities. They will practise reciting numbers to at least three, begin to count objects one by one, and develop fast recognition of small quantities without counting. Children will compare groups using words like more than and fewer than and explore position using language such as on and under. They will talk about 2D and 3D shapes, using words like sides, corners, flat, and round, and experiment with combining shapes to make new ones. Children will also look for patterns in their environment, such as stripes and spots, and practise making and continuing simple repeating patterns.



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Understanding the World

This term in Understanding the World, the children will be exploring and learning about the world around them through play and investigation. They will enjoy sensory experiences with sand, water, playdough, and other materials, noticing changes and repeating activities to explore what happens. Children will begin to talk about what they see, recognise living things in the environment, and explore simple forces through their play. They will also learn about who lives in their house, who helps us in school, and begin to understand that they are growing and have changed since they were a baby. Through discussions and activities, children will start to develop their awareness of differences between people and things around them.

Expressive Arts and Design

This term in Expressive Arts and Design, the children will be exploring their creativity through role play, small world play, building, and using different materials. They will experiment in the creative area, learning how to join things with glue or tape, draw simple lines and shapes, and use colours in their paintings with increasing awareness. Children will also discover how materials can be used in different ways to make marks and create artwork, while talking about what they are doing. Through music and movement, they will explore sounds, match their actions to music, and change how they play instruments, such as making them loud, quiet, fast, or slow. They will also enjoy performing familiar nursery rhymes with words and actions.