



Play. Learn and Grow...Together!

Ordsall Primary School



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

Communication and Language

This term, the children will be developing their speaking and listening skills. They will start to talk about stories and use new words in their everyday speech. They will practice answering questions and following instructions. They will be taught some learning rhymes and action songs, and will try to join in with confidence. They will also begin to use longer sentences, start conversations with adults and friends, and use talk to plan and organise their play.

Literacy

This term, the children will be exploring books and print in the classroom. They will learn to hold books correctly, turn pages carefully, and talk about the meaning of familiar print and pictures in stories. They will also have the challenge of listening for rhyming words, and joining in to fill in the gaps. The children will also practice clapping the beats in their names and keeping a steady beat to songs. To develop writing, they will begin to recognise the sounds at the start of their names, notice words with the same initial sound, and start to write letters, including those in their own names. Their mark-making will continue to develop into letter-like shapes as they practise early handwriting skills.

Mathematics

This term, the children will be developing their number skills. They will practise counting objects, reciting numbers to 5, and recognising small quantities quickly without counting (subitising). They will also learn to show numbers on their fingers, link numerals to amounts, and understand that the last number counted shows the total. The children will explore positional language, using words like "under," "on," "behind," and "in front of." They will notice and continue repeating patterns and make comparisons between objects, looking at size, length, weight, and capacity.

Understanding the World

This term, the children will be exploring their five senses, and noticing similarities and differences between objects, such as wooden and plastic items. They will begin to talk about forces they can feel, like pushing and pulling, and explore how things work. The children will learn about the world around them, including their family, the jobs people do, and the plants and animals that live nearby. They will plant seeds and watch them grow, handle living things carefully, and begin to understand life cycles. They will also start to learn that they live in England and that there are different countries in the world, including places linked to families, holidays, or stories.

Expressive Arts and Design

This term, the children will be exploring their creativity through role play, small-world play, and building activities. They will use a range of materials to make pictures and models, experimenting with shapes, lines, and joining techniques like glue and tape. They will begin to develop their own ideas about what to create and how to create it, and they will enjoy drawing pictures and talking about them. The children will also explore colour mixing with paints and experiment with sounds around them. They will learn new songs and rhymes, practise singing in tune, and explore playing instruments in different ways, such as loudly, quietly, fast, and slow.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term, the children will be learning to become more independent and confident. They will focus on their play, share ideas, and start to understand and respond to their friends' wishes. They will have chances to help each other and adults, follow nursery routines, and cope with small changes. They will also practice managing their feelings, saying when they are happy or sad, and noticing how others feel. The children will also continue to grow in self-care skills, such as putting on coats, using the toilet and washing hands, and accessing snack with a little support. They will also begin to explore healthy choices and learn what is good for them.

Physical Development

This term, the children will be developing their movement and coordination. They will also learn to kick and throw a ball, skip, hop, and stand on one leg, as well as move in a variety of ways, such as crawling, rolling, and sliding. The children will explore using different tools and equipment, including scissors, paintbrushes, and pencils, working towards a comfortable and consistent grip. They will learn to choose the right resources for tasks safely and understand how others can help them complete challenges. They will also continue to practise self-care skills, like getting their coat from their peg and putting it on independently, and recognising when they need the toilet.