



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

Ordsall Primary School



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

Communication and Language

The children will enjoy listening to a range of stories and will be encouraged to talk about what they can remember. We will support them in building their attention skills, including learning to focus on more than one thing at a time. The children will be introduced to a wider range of vocabulary and will practise understanding and following instructions with two parts. Through singing, rhymes, and familiar stories, they will continue to build confidence in speaking and listening. We will encourage the use of longer sentences and support children in starting and maintaining conversations with both adults and their peers. As their language develops, they will begin to express their own ideas and opinions, as well as use talk to organise their play.

Literacy

We will be developing the children's early literacy skills through a range of fun and meaningful activities. The children will learn about how print works, including that it carries meaning, can be used for different purposes, and is read from left to right and top to bottom. They will also become familiar with the different parts of a book and how pages are sequenced. Through stories, songs, and games, the children will explore rhymes, syllables, and words that begin with the same sounds, helping to build strong foundations for reading. We will encourage the children to talk about stories in more detail, supporting their understanding and introducing new vocabulary. The children will also begin to use their knowledge of letters and sounds in their own mark-making, such as writing some letters from their name. Our N2 children will begin to take part in early phonics sessions following the Read Write Inc. scheme, helping them to develop their understanding of sounds in preparation for their transition to Reception.

Mathematics

The children will explore patterns, including creating their own repeating patterns and spotting and correcting mistakes. They will also learn to select and use shapes for different purposes, such as building models or completing puzzles. We will support the children in developing their number knowledge by practising counting beyond 5, showing numbers on their fingers, and recognising small groups of objects without needing to count them individually. The children will begin to link numbers to quantities up to 5 and use this understanding to solve simple, real-life mathematical problems through play and discussion. They will also be encouraged to experiment with their own marks and symbols to represent numbers. As part of their learning, children will start to talk about sequences of events, using language such as "first", "next" and "then", helping them to develop both their mathematical understanding and communication skills.

Understanding the World

This term in Nursery, we will be developing the children's understanding of the world through hands-on exploration. The children will use their senses to investigate a range of natural and everyday materials, exploring their properties and talking about similarities and differences. The children will also be encouraged to explore how things work and to talk about what they observe in the world around them. Through observing living things, they will learn about growth and begin to understand life cycles, alongside the importance of respecting and caring for the natural environment. The children will also explore simple forces, such as pushing and pulling in play, and begin to talk about what they can feel and observe. As part of our wider learning, we will encourage positive attitudes towards differences between people.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will take part in pretend play, using objects to represent real-life items and developing simple stories through their play with small world resources such as animals, dolls, and construction sets. The children will explore a variety of materials freely, developing and sharing their own ideas before choosing resources to bring their creations to life. They will be supported in drawing using shapes and lines to represent people, objects, as well as expressing different emotions through their artwork. The children will also explore colour and will be encouraged to begin to experiment with colour mixing. In music, the children will develop their listening skills, responding to sounds and expressing their thoughts and feelings. They will learn and perform a range of songs, developing their ability to remember lyrics, match pitch and join in with tunes.



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Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will continue to develop a sense of responsibility and belonging within the nursery community, becoming more confident and outgoing in social situations and when interacting with unfamiliar people in a safe and supportive environment. Through group and play activities, the children will build their friendships by playing cooperatively, extending their ideas together, and beginning to find solutions to conflicts and disagreements. They will be supported in remembering and following simple rules, and in developing appropriate ways to be assertive and express their needs. We will encourage children to talk about their feelings using simple language such as 'happy', 'sad', 'excited' or 'worried', and to begin to understand how others may be feeling. The children will also be developing their independence in everyday routines, including using the toilet, collecting their belongings and accessing snack, as well as making healthy choices around food and drink.

Physical Development

The children will continue to develop their movement skills, including balancing, riding scooters, and improving their ball skills. They will practise climbing, going up steps, and developing confidence in a range of physical challenges. The children will also explore balancing on one leg, taking part in games such as musical statues. Through music and movement, the children will use large-muscle actions such as waving flags, using streamers, and creating marks as well as learning to follow and create sequences of movement. They will be encouraged to make choices about how to move their bodies safely in different situations and to select appropriate resources to help them complete tasks and follow their own ideas. The children will also learn how to work safely with others, such as helping friends to move toys or playground equipment. Alongside this, we will support the development of fine motor skills, including using tools such as scissors, and developing a comfortable and controlled pencil grip as they begin to write. Children will be encouraged to become increasingly independent in self-care routines such as going to the toilet, washing hands, and feeding themselves at lunch time.