



Nursery Curriculum letter Autumn 1 2023



Dear parents/carers,

What a lovely first few weeks we have had! The children are really settling into the new routines of Nursery and are enjoying all of the different opportunities at Heathlands. We are working hard to be independent so please encourage us to remember what we need to bring to Nursery and to put on our own coats.

Many thanks from Mrs. Clarke, Miss Rankin and Mrs. Wilkes.

Communication and Language (CL)	Physical Development (PD)	Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)
<p>We will be learning to listen in a wide range of situations such as during our family group sessions or to a story as a whole class. We will practise and work hard to remember to listen to our friends and teachers and respond to conversations they have with us. We will be talking about what makes us special, things that we are good at, our families and our lives at home! Our teachers will encourage us to use the new words that we come across in our stories and to use talk in our play.</p>	<p>We will be learning to use our outdoor area to develop movement skills such as balancing, pedalling, throwing and catching, skipping, hopping and jumping. We will also be developing the physical skills that we need, to become successful writers through a wide range of activities such as waving flags and filling tall containers. Our teachers will help us to develop strong muscles in our hands, fingers and wrists through lots of fun activities, like Dough Disco. This will enable us to become great writers!</p>	<p>During this first half term our teachers want us to enjoy coming into school every day. We will be practising doing lots of things for ourselves such as using the toilet and putting on our own coats and learning to play with our new friends. We will be trying lots of new activities and exploring the resources in the classroom and outside area.</p> <p>This half term we will be focusing on Co-operation. Our friend Coco Co-operation will help us to remember to work together, sharing resources and helping each other to overcome challenges.</p>
Literacy	Maths	Understanding the World
<p>This half term we will be sharing lots of Nursery Rhymes. We will add actions to help us to remember the rhymes and have the chance to perform them for our friends' using instruments.</p> <p>We will begin our early phonics journey exploring sounds in the environment, listening to and talking about what we can hear.</p> <p>Our name cards along with our photos are ready to help us begin to recognise our names and we will use them to make attempts at writing our name on our wonderful work.</p>	<p>This half term we will be learning our new routines, exploring our resources and looking at shape and patterns. We will be learning the names of common 2D shapes, creating pictures and patterns with these shapes and sorting and matching objects. We will practise rote counting each day in a variety of situations such as counting our friends at register time to enable us to begin our understanding of numbers.</p>	<p>We will discuss the similarities and differences between ourselves, and our friends and we will be thinking about what is special about us and the things that we are good at! We will also be talking about the habitats of some of the animals from our stories. We will talk lots about Autumn and what changes are happening. We will go on Autumn walks around school and collect lots of natural objects to explore and observe.</p>
Expressive Arts and Design	Additional information	How to support your child at home

<p>We will be exploring and learning about colours, including colour mixing. We will be developing our own imaginative ideas especially in our role play area and with construction and small world resources! There will be lots of opportunities to explore new materials and resources freely to develop our own ideas of how to use them and what to make. We will also be learning lots of new songs and rhymes as these will help us develop rhythm.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please can you ensure your child has a named bag to leave on their peg with spare clothes including underwear and socks and that EVERYTHING is labelled (including their <u>water bottle</u> and <u>coat</u>) as this really helps both them and us!• Please check Seesaw for regular updates about your child's learning and for important dates and information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encourage your child to practise putting on and taking off their own coat.• Encourage your child to use the toilet and clean themselves afterwards independently.• Share stories daily with your child talking about what happened in them.• Practise counting in a variety of ways such as up and down steps, cars and buses, fruit at the supermarket etc.
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