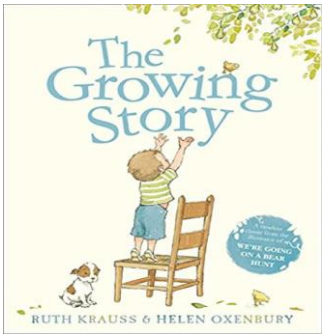


Nursery AM – Autumn 1



In **Nursery**, our topic for this term is the 'All About Me'. The children will be learning about the different parts of our bodies and exploring what we can do with them. We will consider how our bodies have grown and changed since we were babies. We will be investigating our five senses of sight, hearing, touch, taste and smell through exploration of the world around us. We will taste a variety of foods and discuss likes and dislikes. We will be playing 'guess that smell', 'guess that sound', blindfold games, dipping our hands into feely bags to describe what we can feel, as well as exploring a range of textured and scented items during play.

In **literacy** this half term, the children will be retelling stories linked to the topic. We will be discussing the characters in books and the plot. We will encourage the children to talk about facts that they have learnt about their bodies and the five senses. *We will continue Phase 1 Phonics and focus on listening and attention skills. This concentrates on developing children's speaking and listening skills.*

In **mathematics** this half-term, we will continue to introduce number through every day routines and play. The children will learn number names in order by saying them in order and point out the number of things whenever possible. The children will be exploring shape and encouraged to use mathematical language to talk about the shapes. E.g. sides, corners; straight, flat, round.

In our Topic-driven learning we will be:

Communication and Language / Literacy

The children will talk about themselves and their families. They will explore similarities and differences between themselves and others.

Outdoor Learning

We will use the outdoor environment to investigate the changes in seasons and look at things that have changed since Summer. We will spot any signs of Autumn; leaves start to change colour, leaves start to fall off the trees, day light gets shorter and some animals prepare for the months ahead.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term the children are settling into their new class and are getting to know their teachers and friends. They are learning to make friends, share and take turns. Children are learning to adapt to their new boundaries and rules.

Expressive Arts & Design

Based on the understanding we will gain through the topic work; the children will be encouraged to do self-portraits (using mirrors). We will promote independence for the children by encouraging them to talk about their facial features and hair and eye colour.

In Nursery, children have the opportunity to learn outside in all weathers, please ensure your child has appropriate clothing to enjoy their outdoor learning.

Important Dates:

Friday 22nd October – School Closes
Monday 1st November – School Opens

You can help your child's learning by:

- ✓ Talking to me about the Topic I've been learning in school.
- ✓ Asking me to apply my maths skills (e.g. Uses some number names accurately in play and recognise some shapes in the environment)
- ✓ Asking me to talk about my mark making (e.g. Tell me about your picture)
- ✓ Helping me to put my coat on and off independently.

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