



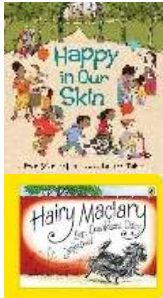
Peartree Way Nursery School

"Friendship, Fun and Learning for all"

Summer Term 1 2024 Curriculum Letter

'Similarities, Differences and Change'

This term we will begin by revisiting learning about ourselves and exploring ways in which we are the same, different and unique. We will be exploring seasonal changes and how many lifecycles become more evident at this time of year. We will be planting seeds and observing new growth and change and enjoy being in our outside learning environment. We will also be looking at how ourselves have changed during our time at Nursery.



Reading for Pleasure: We will be exploring 3 core books this half term; Happy in Our Skin by Fran Manushkin, Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy by Lynley Dodd and Jaspers Beanstalk by Mick Inkpen. These books, and many others are available for the children to borrow from the reading cabin in their designated 'library' session each week

Maths: In Maths, we will be learning number rhymes each week and exploring number patterns within each rhyme. We will also be exploring patterns and classifying different objects such as leaves, seeds and each other!



Communication and Language:

We will be further developing our listening skills and learning to listen to adults and our peers for short, age-appropriate periods of time. We will be encouraged to talk to others less familiar to us and try out 'new words' linked to our topic.

Mark Making: The children will be using pencils and other media such as paint, chalk, markers and shaving foam to make marks in a controlled way. We will be mark making different shapes which will support our muscle development and letter formation. We will be attempting to write our names, using our name card as a support. This skill will help us when we move into a Reception class in September.

Physical Development: The children will be developing both their fine motor and gross motor skills. We will have fun in the garden climbing, running, rolling, crawling, jumping and swinging, whilst inside we will be cutting, constructing, tearing, drawing and painting. Our fingers will be 'busy' every day and our hand-eye co-ordination will be improving all the time! We will be challenging ourselves and taking managed risks to further develop these skills by trying out new activities and resources,

Pre-Phonics: We will be learning to listen carefully and begin to discriminate between the different sounds we hear around us. These sounds might be in the environment or sounds we make ourselves.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development: We will be exploring change and transitions in preparation for moving on to a Reception class. We will be continuing to develop relationships with adults and peers and be encouraged to demonstrate independence.

Understanding the World: We will be noticing and exploring similarities, differences and change, especially in the outside environment. We have planned for some visitors to the Nursery including a police officer and a travelling farm! We are also learning to sort our rubbish into different categories to allow it to be recycled.

Expressive Arts and Design (EAD):

We will be enjoying paint both inside and outside; how to mix colours together to create new colours and how to add white to a colour to create tones. WE will be making natural collages in our Forest School sessions, looking at the texture, shape and colour of natural objects all around us. In addition, we will be making music with percussion instruments and enjoying listening to music and songs of different genres.

How you can support learning at home:

We would love every child to enjoy daily reading at home with an adult. Reading and enjoying stories regularly is proven to support vocabulary development and learning. For our Nursery children this would be a good habit to develop in preparation for transition to primary school.

Other activities that would support learning in Nursery include: planting seeds and watching them grow, observing wildlife in your garden or the local park, noticing changes that are happening around them and developing independence to dress/undress and put on coats, hats and shoes.

Voyagers: Our voyagers are busy welcoming their new group members who have recently joined the class. They are developing their attention skills in story and group time and their planned activities include finger strengthening, painting, mark making, and developing listening skills. They are also exploring change in their garden, finding minibeasts and noticing seasonal change.

Preschool: Our preschool children have settled well into the new term with lots of kindness shown to our new children who are learning to separate from their parents. They will also be exploring the outside area, having fun popping and catching bubbles and exploring the toys in the water tray.

Clothing: Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for the weather. Please bring a coat in everyday and a named sunhat as we move into the more sunnier months. Please ensure that ***all items of clothing are named*** and are easily recognisable to your child.



Keeping Healthy: We would like to make you aware of our school policy that following episodes of sickness and/or diarrhoea your child must be kept away from school for a further 48 hours after the final episode. This is to safeguard the health and wellbeing of all our children and staff.



Packed Lunch: Please bear in mind when packing a lunch that Peartree Way is a **nut free school**. This is to safeguard children within our school who have nut allergies.

Communication: The Nursery Team are available after each session if you have something you wish to discuss with us. If it is easier to send an email please send it to your child's key person. Their email addresses are shown on the school website. If it is an urgent matter please contact the school via: admin@peartreeway.herts.sch.uk. You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

Uniform: It is not compulsory for Nursery children to wear a uniform, but we do ask that any clothing is easily adjusted to support independent toileting. As we move into the summer months clothing needs to cover your child's shoulders and in addition, sun lotion must be applied before coming to school. Please also ensure your child is wearing suitable footwear with closed toes and heels to allow them to safely explore the garden and climbing apparatus. Crocs, flipflops and open toed sandals are not appropriate footwear for Nursery.

Best wishes,

Sian & The Nursery, Preschool and Voyagers Teams.