

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

As one of our prime areas of learning there is always a lot of focus on this area of the curriculum. We will be incorporating lots of activities that give the children opportunities to develop friendships further, learn how to share & take turns, follow rules and instructions and to work together. There will also be a focus on independence within the setting.

Mathematics

In EYFS we start off your child's 'Big Maths' journey with 'Little Big Maths'. During these short sessions the children will be learning counting skills, number recognition and the beginnings of how we use numbers in the world around us.

Alongside our number work we will also be developing our understanding of positional language, shape, space and measure.

All of our maths work will be underpinned with related activities available to the children within the continuous provision and around the setting.

Physical Development

Our outside area allows us to access a range of different resources that help us to develop gross motor skills. These include; trikes, ride on cars, ribbons and our lovely climbing frame.

As part of physical development, we will also be threading, drawing, cutting and taking part in regular dough disco sessions. All of these activities will help to strengthen the muscles in our hands and allow us to improve our pencil grip.

Assessment

The most effective way for young children to learn is through play. Our Early Years provision is enriched with play based activities aimed at encouraging and developing specific skills. Children will be observed during their play and as they engage with activities in nursery.

Our children are constantly learning from everything and everyone around them. We know that lots of learning happens wherever our amazing children are, so we would love to hear about any out of school achievements.



Theme 3 Elmers

Teachers:

Mrs Waller

Mrs English (PPA Cover Tue am)

TAs:

Mrs Bracken & Mrs Laver

Over the next 3 half terms, we will base our learning on the **Theme ...**

Amazing Adventures

We will be going on several adventures within this theme, including: Transport (linked to the vehicles we observe on the new school site), minibeasts & plants and holidays.

Communication Language and Literacy

We will be introducing the children to the whole school Read Write Inc programme, through a range of practical activities. We will begin by focusing on RWI routines and hearing/distinguishing sounds. When ready, the children will learn sounds from the program and will practise saying, reading, finding and writing this sound in different ways.

We will be encouraging children to mark make using a range of materials, both inside and out. We will practise using a tripod grip to copy our names during registration and throughout the day.

Understanding the World

We will be exploring our environment, noticing the changes to the new school site. We will be growing beans to develop our understanding of growth & changes over time. We will show care and concern for living things and the environment.

The diversity at Walkley Primary School, means we encourage the children to explore cultures and communities using their own experiences as a starting point for learning.

We also use a range of technology to enhance the children's learning experiences.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will have a home themed role play corner for the children to take part in imaginative play, enhanced with materials to create their own dens/houses.

We will be creating some track pictures inspired by artist Jackson Pollock. As well as introducing illustrator, Eric Carle in order to produce some mini beast themed art work.

The children have access to a range of resources in the continuous provision to use their imaginations to create models and pictures. Our focus will be on making our own 3D vehicles. The children will be experimenting with instruments, dancing & songs.

Thank you for your support

**Mrs. L Waller, Mrs. G Bracken
& Mrs. J Laver**

Useful Things to Know

Our Nursery sessions start at: 8:50 – 3:05

To book sessions, change sessions, make payments and sickness records please contact the main school office and please note that any extra sessions must be paid for and booked a week in advance.

Please encourage your children to be as independent as possible. This includes going to the toilet by themselves and putting on their coat and shoes by themselves.

Show and Tell will take place on **Tue** and **Thur** only.

Please check our class blog to find the latest information along with regular updates of what the children have been doing in class. Comments on our blog page are always welcome.

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Please do not hesitate to speak to any member of our team if you have any questions or queries.