

Nursery Autumn 1 Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been lovely getting to know your children and watching them settle in their new Nursery environment. In Early Years at Samares School we use 'In the Moment Planning' to structure our observation, planning and assessment cycle. It is best described as a 'child-led' approach where adults act on the interests of children and find teachable moments during play opportunities. Each term your child will receive a 'focus week' where you will receive a letter to gather further information about their interests and events happening you child's life. This supports us in our planning and collection of observations, meanwhile continuing to interact and provide opportunities to all children in the class. We see higher levels of involvement when using this approach and better outcomes for children's progress across all areas of learning.

Outlined below is the learning that we plan to share with the children this term.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development.

This term we will be encouraging the children:

- To become more outgoing with unfamiliar people, in the safe context of their setting.
- To show more confidence in new social situations.

The children will also take part in weekly Jigsaw sessions. His term our theme is Being Me in My World which covers:

- I understand how it feels to belong and that we are similar and different.
- I understand how feeling happy and sad can be expressed.
- I can work together and consider other people's feelings.
- I can use gentle hands and understand that it is good to be kind to people.
- I am starting to understand children's rights, and this means we should all be allowed to learn and play.
- I am learning what being responsible means.



Physical Development

This term we will provide opportunities for children:

- To skip, hop, stand on one leg, and hold a pose.
- To use large-muscle movements to wave flags and streamers, paint and make marks.



Communication and Language

Speech and Language is a prime area of our curriculum. This term we will be providing opportunities for the children to:

- To enjoy listening to longer stories and remembering much of what happens.
- To use a wider range of vocabulary.
- To sing a large repertoire of songs.



Literacy

To support literacy development this term we will be supporting the children in beginning to understand some of the five concepts of print:

- print has meaning.
- we read English text from left to right and from top to bottom.



Mathematics

Through stories, singing and interactions we will be teaching and encouraging children:

- To recite numbers past 5.
- To recognise the colour red, blue, yellow, green, purple.
- To compare sizes using gestures and language: 'bigger/little/small'



Understanding the World

Children learn to make sense of the world through their exploration, investigation, and play. This term we are helping the children:

- To use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.
- To talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary.
- To begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's history.



Expressive Arts and Design

At Samares we encourage the children's imaginations and creations. This term children will learn:

- To remember and sing entire songs.
- To explore different materials freely.



Drop off and pick up

The door will be open from 8:30-8:45. Drop off can be busy so please be patient as we enter children slowly this supports us with a calm transition to Nursery.

At pick up the doors will be open from 2:15-2:30. We will dismiss children slowly, again thank you for your patience whilst we help gather your child's belongings.

Named items.

Please could everything that comes into Nursery have your child's name on it please. Each child needs 2 sets of spare clothes, lunch box (unless having hot lunch), water bottle with water, wellingtons, and a waterproof coat. Unless unsettled please refrain from bringing toys into school as there could be a risk of toys getting lost or broken. Thank you.

Birthdays

We celebrate each child's special day. Children can bring in treats to share with friends that can then be taken home at the end of the day, these must be bought from a shop.

Tapestry

We will share your child's learning through Tapestry. If you have an older child in the school, your login will remain the same. If you are new to the school, you will receive an email soon where you will be able to activate your account, please check your junk and spam.

Other notices:

- This term our parent drop in is on 25th November - 2:15-2:30.
- If your child is receiving hot lunch, please can we ask that a packed lunch your child may not eat their hot lunch if they know they have another.



If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask, or email.

Best wishes,

Miss Laura Moll and the Nursery team.

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