

Little Learner's Pre-School

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Topic: People Who Help Us

Welcome to 'Little Learner's Pre-school.

Your child is in the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) which sets standards for learning, development and care of your children right from when they are born until their 5th birthday. There are 7 areas of learning and development within the EYFS. The prime areas are Communication and Language, Physical Development and Personal, Social and Emotional Development. The specific areas are Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the world and Expressive Arts and Design. Activities and programmes will be designed around these areas and some activities will be working with an adult and some will be independent, or child initiated.

The EYFS team at present, consists of 2 full-time members of staff: Miss Lee, (Pre-School and Key Stage 1 Class Teacher) and Mrs Murtagh, (Pre-School and Key Stage 1 Teaching Assistant). We have warmly welcomed this term Mrs Papworth who runs the After-school Club to work part-time within the Pre-school.

Your child will be very happy and settled in our warm, caring and nurturing environment. Please don't hesitate to contact one of us if you have any queries or concerns, no matter how small.

This half term our topic is 'People Who Help Us'. If you would like to contribute to our topic in any way, please let us know and we will try and accommodate you.

Your child will come home with a library book each Monday. This is a book that they have chosen to share at home, so please read it to your child and ask them to talk about the story what is happening and discuss the pictures etc. Your child may choose a new book each Monday, providing theirs has been returned. Reading to your child is very important as you are introducing them to many new words, therefore extending their vocabulary and also instilling a love of story time books. Snack and milk are provided daily each morning. WOW moments are given out for you to complete as and when you feel appropriate. You may choose to give your child a WOW moment if they are starting to toilet train, learning to ride a trike or helping to get dressed etc. They may then bring their WOW moment into Pre-school to share with the adults and other children. We have a WOW moments board where they will be displayed.

Please find below what we are working on this half term in the different areas:

Communication and Language

Encouraging enjoyment of listening to a variety of fiction and non-fiction books about 'People who help us'

Through playing in the roleplay area, both indoors and outdoors children will learn new vocabulary related to the different roles and learn to share, take turns and communicate effectively with each other. Indoor role-play will be a 'Doctor's surgery' and outdoor roleplay will be varied including firefighters, police, builders etc.

We will be singing a large variety of songs based on our topic.

Physical Development

Children will be practising pencil control drawing line patterns around pictures of 'People who help us'. They will also be developing gross motor control outdoors using chalk to draw large fires onto the playground and then using squirty bottles with water in them to spray onto the fires to put them out.

Trikes, bikes and scooters will also be available daily to use to develop gross motor control and balance boards and a variety of throwing and catching balls will also be outdoors.

Personal, Social, and emotional development

We will encourage children to select and use resources, with help when needed. We will support children to play collaboratively together and 'get along'.

Through talk, we will discuss our rules in the 'Pre-school' and why we have them to keep us safe. We will also talk about who helps the children at home to do different things.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will encourage the children to take part in role-play and pretend play. We will explore colour and colour mixing and paint pictures of people who help us and make junk modelling of the emergency vehicles used.

Understanding the World

Encourage the children to show an interest in different occupations and note than anyone can do any job.

Literacy

We will look at and read text around our setting. Encourage to handle books with care and talk about the features of a book. Encourage children to 'tell' us the story using the pictures. Develop mark making using a variety of different tools and name recoanition.

Mathematics

Sing Number rhymes -Five Little Firemen, Five Little Men in a Flying saucer, Ten in a bed etc. We will count forwards and backwards to 10 saying the numbers in order and counting objects 1-1.