

Little Learners' Preschool

Autumn 1

2022

Topic: All about me and my family

Welcome to Little Learners' preschool.

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, consists of 2 full-time members of staff: Miss Lee, (Pre-School and Key Stage 1 Class Teacher) Mrs Murtagh, (Pre-School and Key Stage 1 Teaching Assistant) and Mrs Turner (Teaching Assistant) who works 4 mornings a week.

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 'All about me and my family'. If you would like to contribute to our topic in any way, please let us know and we will try to accommodate you.

Your child will come home with a library book each Friday. 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, discuss the pictures etc. Your child may choose a new book each Friday, 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 preschool to share with the adults and other children. We have a WOW moments board where they will be displayed.

Please can your child bring to school one of their favourite story books and make sure it is clearly labelled with their name in. We would like to share their books with their peers in our reading area this half-term. Thank you.

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 ourselves/families and autumn.

Through playing in the role play 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 the 'home corner' and outdoor role play will be varied from firefighters to the police to the vets.

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

Physical Development

Children will be practising pencil control, drawing line patterns and the older children practising to form letters. They will also be developing gross motor control outdoors using large scale movements with the chalk and paintbrushes.

Trikes, bikes and scooters will also be available daily to use to develop gross motor control. 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 and 'get along'.

Through talk, we will discuss our rules in the preschool 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 & colour mixing and paint pictures of ourselves and our families.

Understanding the World

We will encourage the children to show an interest in different occupations and note that 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. We will encourage children to tell us the story using the pictures. We will develop mark-making using a variety of different tools and name recognition.

Mathematics

We will sing number rhymes such as 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.