



THERE'S NO FULL STOP TO LEARNING

Year: Nursery

Term: Spring 1

Topic: Bears

Our vision is to enable children to become lifelong learners by creating a safe and inclusive learning environment that nurtures individuality and enhances potential

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Circle times, sharing ways we can be kind to others, using zones of regulation to express our feelings. Taking part in a range of engaging activities to encourage self-exploration and decision making. Begin to understand how others may feel.

- Increasingly follow rules, understanding why they are important.
- Talk about their feelings using words like 'happy', 'sad' or 'worried'
- Be increasingly independent in meeting their own care needs, e.g. using the toilet, washing and drying their hands
- Make healthy choices.
- Select and use activities and resources.
- Develop their sense of responsibility and membership of a community.
- Become more outgoing with unfamiliar people, in the safe context of their setting.
- Show more confidence in new social situations.

Mathematics

Exploring range of maths related free flow resources, White Rose maths units. Provided maths related activities linked to Bear stories e.g. size with Goldilocks, position with 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'.

- Talk about and explore 2D and 3D shapes using informal and mathematical language 'sides' 'corners' 'straight' 'flat' 'round'.
- Talk about and identify the patterns around them.
- Select shapes appropriately.
- Say one number for each item in order: 1,2,3,4,5.).
- Recite numbers past 5.
- Show 'finger numbers' up to 5.
- Develop fast recognition of up to 3 objects, without having to count them individually ('subitising').
- Know that the last number reached when counting a small set of objects tells you how many there are in total ('cardinal principle').
- Link numerals and amounts.
- Understand position through words alone e.g. 'the bag is under the table' with no pointing.
- Make comparisons between objects relating to size, length, weight and capacity.

Communication and Language

Free flow environment encouraging speaking, quality interactions. Learning through themes and stories to develop vocabulary. Retelling stories, building on individual language development for every child. Story times and language rich environment. Weekly story focus.

- Sing a large repertoire of songs.
- Know many rhymes, be able to talk about familiar books.
- Enjoy listening to longer stories and can remember much of what happens.
- Use a wider range of vocabulary.
- Understand a question or instruction that has two parts, such as: "Get your coat and wait at the door".
- Understand 'why' questions.
- Use longer sentences.
- Pay attention to more than one thing at a time, which can be difficult.

Physical Development

Exploring all resources to develop gross and fine motor skills. Body movement games, obstacle courses, using different equipment, yoga. Create movements and actions related to bear stories such as 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. Continue to develop mark making skills. Developing self care e.g. coats, zips.

- Use large-muscle movements to wave flags and streamers, paint and make marks.
- Continue to develop their movement, balancing, riding and ball skills.
- Use a comfortable grip with good control when holding pens and pencils.
- Show a preference for a dominant hand.
- Be increasingly independent as they get dressed and undressed, for example, putting coats on and doing up zips.
- Start taking part in some group activities which they make up for themselves, or in teams.
- Match their developing physical skills to tasks and activities in the setting.
- Use one-handed tools and equipment, for example, making snips in paper with scissors.

Skills and Knowledge

Understanding the World

Talking about our families, talking about events that the children and their families celebrate. Exploring our senses games and activities. Noticing seasonal changes around us, exploring the school garden. Chinese new year story and related role play. Find out facts about bears through stories and discussions. Begin to explore and understand life cycle of animals. Explore habitats – to learn about different countries and animals including where bears live.

- Begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's history.
- Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.
- Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties.
- Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice.
- Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary.
- Show interest in different occupations.
- Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.
- Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos
- Continue developing positive attitudes about the differences between people.

Literacy

Bug club pre reception activities involving rhyming and initial sounds.

Exploring and sharing stories, singing songs. Weekly story focus including but not limited to 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen, Whatever Next by Jill Murphy and traditional story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. Orally retelling stories about Bears. Activities linked to the stories including small world play and creative tasks.

Name recognition and name writing.

- Understand the five key concepts about print: - print has meaning - the names of the different parts of a book - page sequencing – we read English text from left to right and from top to bottom.
- Engage in extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary.
- Write some or all of their name.
- Write some letters accurately.

Expressive Arts and Design

Exploring a range of materials through free flow provision, mark making, encouraging and modelling role play with a range of resources. Role play related to our topic – Bear Cave, Teddy Bear picnic café. Offer opportunities for representing scenes from stories/characters e.g. bears.

- Take part in simple pretend play.
- Remember and sing entire songs.
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- Explore different materials freely, to develop their ideas about how to use them and what to make.
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- Develop their own ideas and then decide which materials to use to express them.
- Join different materials and explore different textures.
- Explore colour and colour-mixing.
- Create closed shapes with continuous lines, and begin to use these shapes to represent objects.
- Draw with increasing complexity and detail, such as representing a face with a circle and including details.
- Respond to what they have heard, expressing their thoughts and feelings.