

Physical Development

We will be using mark making tools such as crayons and pencils to draw spiders and add features onto Humpty Dumpty's face. We will be using scissors to cut out simple shapes and in the outdoor area we will practice climbing and jumping off safely, and catching a large ball. The children will be able to explore all our outdoor climbing and balancing equipment to test their gross motor skills and confidence.



Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Starting Nursery is a big step some children may find daunting. We will be helping the children to settle in and get to know the adults and other children. We will be talking about things that frighten us, e.g. spiders! During our Jigsaw sessions we will be exploring how it feels to belong and that we are similar and different. We will talk about our feelings and how to consider those of others. We will draw up our class learning charter detailing our rights and responsibilities.



Expressive Arts

We will be printing with rectangles to create brick pattern artwork for Humpty. Baking salt dough tarts for the Queen of Hearts. Creating 3D model spiders to hang up. Working collaboratively to make giant ducks that we will use to decorate Nursery. We will practice tapping and listening to rhythms and enhancing rhymes with percussion, and of course singing lots of rhymes!!



Understanding of the World

We will be thinking and talking about who is in our family, as well as exploring our outdoor environment to look at what happens during autumn. We will find out how to use the interactive whiteboard and complete simple computer programmes. We will look for spiders and their webs in our wild area and learn facts about them.



This term our topic is Nursery Rhymes

Each week we will have lots of different fun learning activities based around a different rhyme.



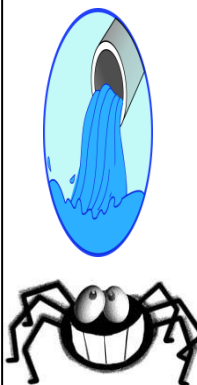
Numeracy

We will be singing lots of counting rhymes and using these to help us learn our numbers to 10. We will be counting lots of different objects up to 10 like spiders, eggs, hearts etc. We will use and name 2D shapes to make Incy Wincy spiders.



Helping at home

Talk to your child about their day at nursery. Encourage them to remember simple nursery rhymes off by heart, or say the rhyming word at the end of each line. Give them clues and see if they can guess which rhyme you are thinking of, e.g. this rhyme has a spider and a water spout.



Communication, Language and Literacy

We will be joining in with saying, singing and acting out rhymes, and recording ourselves on the iPads! We will also be starting to practice holding our pencil effectively to draw circles, straight lines and simple pictures. The children will have lots of opportunities to ask and answer questions about the natural world and their favourite rhymes and stories.