

# Summer Term



# Nursery Summer Term 2024

## Welcome back

This is an exciting term for us in Nursery, welcoming our new children and preparing children who will be transitioning on to Reception soon.

## Understanding the World

Our learning and fun will begin with the topic 'What on Earth!' learning about the world around us. We will start by learning about living things. Children in Nursery will learn how to plant seeds and care for them. Children will learn about life cycles of a plant and other living things during this topic. We are looking forward to developing our knowledge of seasons and seasonal change, learning more about Spring and moving into Summer. We will move on to learn about pollution of the oceans, recycling and more!!

## Expressive Arts and Design

Children will have opportunity to make observational drawings and paintings of sunflowers.



Learning continues to take place through a mix of adult led and child-initiated sessions indoors and outdoors. The children guide our learning wherever possible.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Through PSHE lessons and all areas of the Early Years Curriculum, children will develop their PSHE skills.

We will continue to take part in Well-Being Wednesday.

Being independent is a huge part of PSHE in Nursery. We will continue to promote independence from all our children where possible, putting on own coats and shoes, looking after bags and bottles, using the toilet etc.

## Physical Development

Children will continue to receive at least one taught session of PE each week from Mrs Harper. Children will also have daily access to our outdoor classroom, allowing their gross motor skills to be refined.

It is important for the children to improve their fine motor skills by taking part in fine motor activities. In Nursery we refer to this as 'Getting ready for writing', where children have a daily session cutting, threading, using chalks, pens, pencils ... and much more! The children have enjoyed learning about the types of marks they can make.

## Literacy

At Edward the Elder ... we love to read!

This term we will enjoy reading stories linked to our topic 'What on Earth!' We will start with key texts, Oliver's Vegetables, Jasper's Beanstalk and The bad seed.

In nursery communication and language is so important, as always, we will encourage children to engage in conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary. We will support our nursery children to understand that print has meaning, poses and begin to ask questions about the text. Children in Nursery will continue to learn to form the letters of their own name in order.



## Communication and Language

The children will receive short, structured teaching of Phonics, taught through 'Floppy's Phonics', appropriate to their ability and through carefully planned play activities and the learning environment to develop their phonic knowledge.



## Mathematics

Children in Nursery have been introduced to the characters of 'Ten Town' to support their learning of number. They have enjoyed singing along to each character's song. We will continue to regularly visit Ten

Ten Town during the Summer Term (Reminder to use your passwords to log in to Ten Town at home).

As well as Ten Town, we will continue to familiarise ourselves with numbers through play opportunities, songs, stories, and rhymes. We will continue to learn songs to support our understanding of number and number formation.

As budding mathematicians much of our mathematical work will be practical, using apparatus such as Numicon, cubes and small toys. Children will continue to count and compare small amounts accurately ... and subitise!

We are excited to learn more about shape, pattern, and measure.

## Religious Education

RE will be taught through all of our areas, especially PSED and Topic. Learning opportunities will be through play-based provision using games, stories, and artefacts.