

**Welcome back** to our existing nursery children continuing their education with us and 'hello' to new children starting this September. We hope that you all had an enjoyable and safe holiday. This term will be dedicated to 'getting to know each other' for the children, parents and teachers.

The theme this term is 'Happy to be me!' followed by 'Let's Celebrate'. We will be using high quality texts and provisions to engage and inspire learning across all areas of the curriculum. The children will guide our planning and provision as much as possible. We can't wait to start being Explorers!



**Literacy**

Here at EtE we love reading! We will foster the children's reading and phonics skills through singing, listening to sounds in the environment and sharing new words as well as other exciting activities.



Children have opportunities to enjoy books and develop their own interests in stories and rhyme in the reading corner. They will be encouraged to listen to and participate in stories and rhymes, as well as develop their language skills when discussing or retelling stories with puppets and other props. Children will be taught to recognise and write some letters from their name and say the sounds letters make. Children will experience a variety of materials when mark making, including coloured sand and foam. This term we look forward to taking part in National Nursery Rhyme week!

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

This term is all about building sense of belonging in a new environment. We encourage the children to build positive relationships with others in our nursery setting. To secure this there will be an emphasis on turn taking and sharing. We will be discovering emotions and teaching children how to identify different emotions in themselves and others. We want the children to become independent where possible, so will encourage them to manage some tasks for themselves such as going to the toilet, putting on coats etc.



**Mathematics**

Numbers and shapes are all around us, and the children are encouraged to notice numbers and shapes and find out how we use them in everyday situations. Through play the children will have lots of opportunities to become super mathematicians by using their critical thinking skills through games, such as sorting and matching, counting quantities and recognising numerals and extending mathematical language. Children will participate in singing counting songs and problem solving during group time every day



**Communication and Language**

Speaking, attention, understanding and listening skills are taught and developed through all areas of the curriculum. We will immerse the children with lots of opportunities to learn and use new words.

**Physical Development**

Children's gross motor skills are refined through one taught session of PE each week and daily access to our outdoor environment. The children will develop their fine motor skills by taking part in lots of different activities such as jigsaws and threading. We also give the children access to small tools e.g. scissors. By developing their fine motor skills this will later support children in controlling a pencil for mark making, drawing and writing.



**Understanding the World**

We enjoy learning about autumnal weather and the celebrations of Diwali and Christmas during our first term of nursery. Children will develop their knowledge of People and Communities, Past and Present and The Natural World. They will be encouraged to explore each area in nursery, including our outside area.



**Expressive Arts and Design**

Children will develop their skills in expressive arts and design by exploring and using different media and materials to create. They will have access to a range of resources such as paint, scissors, paper etc. We encourage the exploration of sound through playing musical instruments. The role play area will start as domestic role play where children can role play their own experiences from home.

