

Nursery Term 1

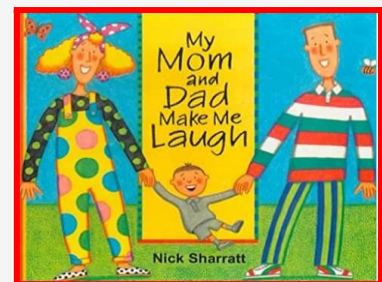
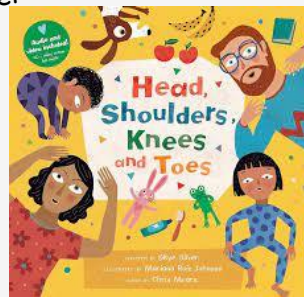
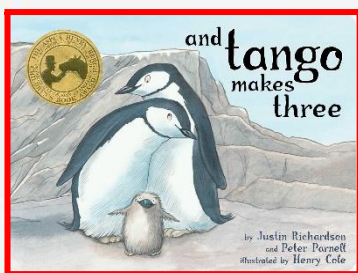
All about me

Dear Nursery Families,

Welcome back, we hope you all had a wonderful summer break and had lots of fun in this amazing weather we have had. We will be starting the year off with the topic called 'All about me', where we will be learning about our families, our interests and all the different aspects of our lives.

As part of this topic, we will be using stories to help us think about people in our own family, understanding similarities and differences between people and building new friendships.

Some of the texts we will be looking at are:



Understanding of the World

Exploring our life stories and what our family tree looks like.
Exploring natural materials
Understanding why we must care for our environment.

Mathematics

Singing and exploring numbers through songs.
Exploring counting objects to 5 or 10
Noticing colours and patterns in our environment.

Religious Education

Looking at what the harvest festival is and how we celebrate it.
Tasting different fruits and vegetables from the harvest.
Looking at Adam and Eve and Noah's ark.

Communication and Language

Understanding simple instructions, as well as two-part instructions.
Focusing on our own choice of activity.
Understanding simple questions about 'what'.
Using longer sentences when speaking.
Singing nursery rhymes.



Physical Development

Playing movement games.
Begin controlling mark making tools and using a comfortable grip.
Making large arm movements with material to music.
Putting on and taking off coats.
Using a range of construction materials to build.
Thinking about different spaces and where I can sit.

Expressive Art & Design

Exploring paint using different body parts and tools.
Recognising and naming different patterns.
Begin exploring repeating patterns.
Singing and dancing to a variety of action songs.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Exploring new activities and expressing my own preferences.
Managing transitions.
Making friendships and showing confidence with new children.
Understanding what different emotions look like.

Literacy

Playing phonics games
Listening to stories and talking about what has happened.
Listening to music and singing songs.
Noticing letters and sounds in the environment.
Exploring mark-making tools.

Useful Websites

www.ictgames.co.uk and www.topmarks.co.uk for Literacy and Maths games.

Numberblocks Make and Play Game on CBeebies - CBeebies - BBC

Quick Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle and spare clothing everyday.
- Spare Clothes - As the weather is unpredictable at this time of the year, please make sure that your child comes to nursery with a bag and some spare clothes inside.
- Wet Weather Gear - We are hoping to be outside everyday come rain or shine and therefore we advise you pack a coat, a pair of wellies and some wet weather gear for your child. We do have a number of spare wellies and wet weather trousers and rain macs.
- Packed Lunches - Just a reminder that packed lunches must be healthy and balanced. An example of this could include a sandwich/wrap/roll, a yoghurt, a piece of fruit/vegetables, crisps and a biscuit.
- Snacks need to be healthy - fruit or veg preferably. We always provide fruit or veg for the children at snack time.
- Water bottles must only have water in. Lots of the children have been bringing squash. This will be tipped away and water will be replaced.
- School Dinners - If you would like to order a school lunch for your child, please ensure that you tell staff on the gate. If you think your child will have difficulties choosing what they would like for lunch, please ask the staff on the gate what the options are for the day. All school dinners are charged to the 'Parent Pay' app, so please keep an eye out to ensure all payments are up-to-date.

Thank you,

Mrs May

Nursery Teacher