

End of year Expectations

Nursery

By the time the children finish Nursery we would expect them to be able to:

- Play with others finding solutions to conflicts when they arise.
- Become more outgoing with unfamiliar people in the safe context of their setting.
 - Talk about their feelings and understand how others may be feeling.
 - Select and use activities and resources, with help when needed.
- Develop their sense of responsibility and membership of a community.
 - Follow rules within the Nursery.
 - Do not always need an adult to remind them of a rule.
 - Develop appropriate ways of being assertive.
 - Talk to others to solve conflicts.
 - Enjoy listening to and be able to talk about stories.
- Use a wide range of vocabulary and understand questions and instructions.
 - Sing a large variety of songs and rhymes.
- Develop their communication but struggle with irregular tenses and plurals.
 - Use longer sentences of four to six words.
 - Be able to express a point of view.
 - Can start a conversation and continue it for many turns.
 - Use talk to organise themselves and their play.
- Be able to dress and undress themselves and use the toilet independently.
 - Make healthy choices about food, drink and tooth brushing.
- Move safely in a variety of ways when playing outside. E.g skipping, hopping, riding a bike
 - Use large muscles to wave flags and streamers.
 - Take part in some group activities.
 - Can remember sequences and patterns of movements.
 - Choose the right resources to carry out their plans.
- Use a comfortable grip when holding pencils and other one handed tools such as scissors.
 - Start to eat independently with a knife and fork.
 - Show a preference for a dominant hand.
 - Use some of their print and letter knowledge for writing.
 - Write some or all of their name, writing some letters accurately.
- Read books knowing we read left to right, that print has meaning and can name the different parts of a book.
 - Spot and suggest rhymes (e.g. bat and cat)
 - Count or clap syllables in a word.
 - Recognise words with the same initial sounds.
 - Subitise up to 3 objects.
 - Show finger numbers to 5.
 - Link numerals with amounts.
 - Compare quantities using more than and fewer than.
 - Talk about shapes.
 - Describe a familiar route
 - Make comparisons related to size, length, weight and capacity.
 - Extend and create ABAB patterns.

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- Explore different materials and use all their senses when exploring.
 - Talk about what they see using a wide vocabulary.
 - Explore how things work.
 - Plant seeds and care for growing plants
 - Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and animal.
- Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and living things.
 - Explore and talk about the different forces they feel.
 - Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice.
 - Begin to make sense of their own life story and family's history.
 - Show an interest in different occupations.
 - Develop positive attitudes about the differences between people.
- Know about different countries in the world and talk about the differences in them.
 - Take part in simple pretend play.
 - Develop complex stories using small world equipment.
 - Make imaginative and complex small worlds.
 - Listen with increased attention.
 - Respond to what they have heard expressing thoughts and feelings.
- Remember and sing songs, copying pitch and singing in the melodic shape of the song.
 - Create their own songs.
 - Play instruments with control and express their feelings and ideas.
- Explore different materials, develop own ideas and use materials to express these.
 - Join different materials and explore different textures.
 - Create closed shapes and use these shapes to create objects.
 - Draw with increased complexity and detail.
 - Using drawing to represent ideas.
 - Show different emotions in their drawings and paintings.
 - Explore colour and colour mixing.