



An E-ACT academy

# DSL V

Nurture | Aspire | Achieve

# Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn term 1

Nursery

2016

## Nursery Rhymes

Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome all the children into Nursery after the summer break, both new and old faces alike. We hope the children enjoyed their holiday and we look forward to working with them this half term. The children have settled quickly back into the nursery routine engaging enthusiastically with their learning.



This term our topic is 'Nursery Rhymes.' We aim to encourage the children's involvement in this with a range of activities based around familiar and traditional rhymes. Beginning with *Five Currant Buns* and *I'm a Little Teapot*, *Wheels on the Bus*, *Incy Wincy Spider*, *Humpty Dumpty...*, along with many others. The children will learn to recite the rhymes, make up their own actions for them, perform them in our whole group session and with their friends in our theatre area and involve themselves in a range of creative activities which will encourage development of both their fine and gross motor skills. Throughout our topic we will be continuing to develop the children's literacy and numeracy skills.



Our Nursery Rhymes theme encourages and supports the children's development and learning in all seven areas of the Foundation Stage Curriculum.

We would like to say that our doors are always open should you like to discuss any matter with us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Guitart and the Nursery Team

## **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

The children will be supported in their learning of the key skills of cooperation, team work, sharing and building on their independent skills. We will do this through circle time games, class discussions and modelling these key skills to the children.



# Nursery

## **Literacy Reading**

Each week the children will be introduced to a new nursery rhyme.

## **Writing**

The children will take part in daily phonic sessions (the sounds that letters make in words) as well as being given opportunities to explore their early mark making skills throughout the setting. They will also take part in one to one learning tasks to support letter formation and sound recognition.



## **Maths**

The children will be given opportunities throughout the setting to develop their early number skills. They will also take part in one to one learning tasks to support their understanding of number recognition.



## **Communication and Language**

The children will be introduced to a range of stories, poems and rhymes linked with our theme 'Nursery Rhymes', developing their language skills and widening their vocabulary, eg. Using the puppets in the book corner area to sing and do the actions of the Nursery Rhymes.



# Rhymes

## **Expressive Arts and Design**

The children will be given a range of opportunities to use their creative talents to paint, draw, decorate a clay spider and explore different sounds using musical instruments. They will also sing the Nursery Rhymes and enjoy being in the Home Corner area.



## **Physical Development** **Moving and Handling**

- Develop gross motor skills—climbing and balancing on the climbing equipment.
- Dance - move in response to Nursery rhymes.
- Develop fine motor skills - mark-making and writing, threading, cutting, etc.

## **Health and self care**

- Keeping healthy – healthy food and Exercise.

## Meet the Nursery Team



Miss Guitart  
Class Teacher



Mrs Yates  
Nursery Nurse  
Tues, Wed, Thu



Mrs Dicks  
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Haynes  
HLTA  
Mon, Tues, & Fri



Mr Sanderson  
Teaching Assistant



Miss Fowler  
Lunchtime Supervisor



Miss Davidson  
Student  
Thu & Fri

## Information

We like to get outside as much as we can, even when the weather is a little wet, and now autumn is upon us the weather will be becoming even more unpredictable. Therefore can we please ask if you could send in some wellies so that we can make the most of our outdoor learning area.

## Home Learning

Sharing songs and rhymes with your child is an invaluable way to help them develop their confidence and communication skills. Encourage your child to share the actions they have learned with you or to perform them for a friend or a member of the family.

If your child has a favourite rhyme or song which they like to sing at home please share it with us; we'd love to hear it and include it in our daily rhyme time sessions.

## Key Dates

We would like to invite you to come and spend some time with your child in the Nursery setting this term:

**Come and join us for our 'Nursery Scarecrow Festival'**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct**  
**8.30am – 10.30am**

Come and join us for our creative open morning and help your child make their own scarecrow as part of our Harvest Celebrations.

