



Goldthorn Park Primary School

Early Years Foundation Stage

Nursery – Down in the garden & Special Summer Days Summer Term 2017-18



Welcome back

Welcome back after the Easter break. We hope that you all had an enjoyable holiday. We begin the Summer term by learning about St George and the Dragon and what happened a long long time ago. We will take part in our 'Growing project 2018' and discover living creatures in our garden. We will celebrate the 'Royal Wedding' and Fathers' Day. Our learning takes place though a mix of adult led and child initiated sessions indoors and outdoors. The children's interests guide our planning and provision wherever possible. Therefore, some additional topics may be planned spontaneously and explored.

Communication and Language

We will continue to develop listening skills in a variety of situations this term; whether listening in a group or focusing for a few minutes in a busy environment. Circle time will be developed to extend speaking and listening skills in a controlled environment. Nursery staff will help children develop their vocabulary and express themselves through talk, by taking time to listen and respond. Children will always have opportunities to learn from each other.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The Summer term is a most enjoyable and productive term, as children are familiar with the daily routine, and are beginning to grow in confidence and independence. Children will have the opportunity to enjoy working and playing together, whilst being encouraged to develop an awareness of the needs of others. Children will be encouraged to make their own decisions, to accept responsibility for small tasks and to adapt their behaviour to different situations. During this term, those children who will be starting a reception class in September will have the opportunity to visit these classes and meet the teachers.

Physical Development

Children have the opportunity to play indoors and outdoors each day. Activities range from those involving fine motor skills to more energetic ones such as climbing or throwing and catching. There will be an emphasis this term on using tools effectively, which includes holding a pencil with the correct grip to digging with trowels. P.E. sessions will continue each week, and there will be a sports day for families to come and support the children as they participate in a number of races and activities. Children will be encouraged to become more independent with clothing and belongings.

Literacy

Children will continue to have a RWI sessions in which they practise listening to and recognising phonemes. Blending for reading and segmenting for spelling may be introduced when appropriate. Children will practise reading and writing their name, and will be encouraged to identify familiar letters and words in their immediate environment. Children will be encouraged to give meaning to the marks they make as they draw, paint or write, and they will also practise correct letter formation. Reading and writing is an integral part of all our work, as children are encouraged to recognise their relevance in everyday life.

Mathematics

Every day children practise counting and using numbers and mathematical language to solve number problems, e.g. 'How many children are away?' 'Are there more girls than boys?' Children will practise counting to 20, and back from 10, and counting from a given number. Children will practise number recognition to 5/10 and beyond. When counting objects, saying one number name for one object will be encouraged during group work and play. Children will focus on the language of shapes, space and Measures this term.

Our topic work will include stories old and new, stories from a variety of countries and creating our own stories collaboratively, based on our knowledge of story language and sequencing events.



Understanding the World

Children are encouraged to develop a greater understanding of the natural world, through planting and observing changes in plants, weather, and mini beasts. We will continue to celebrate special days linked to different cultural backgrounds well as learning more about 'People who help us'. ICT skills will be developed through using equipment such as iPads and cameras to enhance topic work.



Expressive Arts and Design

Children will continue to have opportunities to explore a variety of materials. There will be many opportunities for children to experiment with different ways of expression, including playing musical instruments, singing and movement, role play, painting and construction. There will be a focus on using tools and materials effectively and safely. Much of the creative work will be linked to topic, children's interests and stories. Children will continue to participate and enjoy the rhyme challenges.