

Barn Croft Primary School

Nursery Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2017



Welcome to Our Nursery! We look forward to working together with you to support your child's learning and development throughout the year. The children have now started to settle into a routine and they are beginning to explore the learning opportunities that are provided. Our topic this half term is 'Ourselves.'

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will focus on the children settling into a routine and separating from their carer with ease. As the children have just begun or are returning to the Nursery, we are looking for them to develop confidence in their surroundings, make independent choices and play well alongside or with others, and begin to be aware of their own behaviour.

Communication & Language, and Literacy

This half term the focus will be on speaking and listening. We will help the children to develop an interest in books and Nursery Rhymes. The children will participate in daily phonics sessions, through practical activities, such as going on a listening walk. They will have plenty of opportunities to do mark-making and develop their drawing or early writing skills.

Maths

The children will be practising counting and saying number names to ten through playing with groups of objects, singing, counting songs and reading special stories. There will also be activities based on recognising differences in size, comparing our hands and feet and sorting differently-sized toys.

Understanding the World

We will be encouraging the children to explore and ask questions about their surroundings. We will ask them to describe their own experiences and to identify people and places of interest to themselves. As part of our topic, we will be looking closely at different parts of the body such as our faces, hands and feet. **Any baby photos that you don't mind sending in would be much appreciated.**

Physical Development

The emphasis this half term will be to move with control and to stop on command. Children will begin to move with confidence over equipment and surfaces, showing some awareness of space. They will be encouraged and supported to use the climbing frame and apparatus outside. Children will be encouraged to make marks, paint, use scissors and sticking materials to promote their fine motor development too.

Expressive Arts and design

As part of our topic we will be creating self-portraits using a variety of media. The children will also begin to engage in role-play activities in our house or the Baby Clinic. We will be learning new songs and nursery rhymes such as 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' and 'I've got a Body'.

A good relationship between home and school is important in children's learning. Please feel free to speak to us about your child's progress or any concerns you may have.

Ms Rashid and Mrs Merry