# Meet the Nursery staff



## **Communication, Language and Literacy**

We are going to be learning to 'Squiggle while we Wiggle' and use 'Dough Disco.' These are fun and energetic ways to introduce early writing skills to young children. We will offer a range of mark making opportunities in the sand, rice, gloop and other textures. Our children will learn nursery rhymes and we will read with your child, talking about stories, which play an important role in developing language skills. Engaging in stories and rhymes at home with your child is part of our weekly homework. Children will receive books and rhymes to share with you at home.

## Maths

Part of our maths work will be getting used to our routines and learning about what happens at certain times of the day. We will be sorting and finding matching items, considering measure and pattern and learning to count and identify written numbers. We will go on a shape hunt around school to search for different 2D shapes that we have learnt.

We will use our maths skills during Autumn celebrations when counting sequins to decorate Divas and by helping Santa's elves to sort presents during such a busy time of year!

## **Understanding the World**

We are going to be getting to know all of our friends and find out how different we all are. Self-portraits will be created using various materials. Throughout the term, we will explore a range of celebrations including Harvest, Diwali, and Christmas.

### **Physical Development**

Children will learn how to take part in PE lessons safely and play lots of circle games. We will use the parachute to play games, and learn to move in lots of different ways.

## Nursery Autumn 24

## We Are Family / People Who Help Us

What makes a family? / How can we stay safe?

## Phonics

We will be engaging in Little Wandle Foundations, exploring rhyme, rhythm and sound activities in Phonics. Weekly music lessons will also support our phonics skills by listening to and learning new sounds and songs.

## Key information

- Stunning start Bring a teddy to school day: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September
- Fantastic finish Visit to see Santa!
- **PE –** Friday am and pm remember to come to school dressed in your P.E. kit.
- Homework This will be in book bags and changed weekly. Please send bookbags daily.
  Trips We will be visiting Dudley Zoo for our Christmas trip. Save the date: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024. More details to follow!
- Weather We will go outside in all-weather so please send your child prepared for this!
- Nursery Fund If you are able, please support our provision by paying £1 weekly nursery fund.

#### Expressive Art & Design

We will be using the theme of 'We Are Family' to get to know each other. This will include making self-portraits, sharing ideas of our favourite colours, songs, stories, toys and foods whilst getting to know everyone. We will also be getting creative with activities linked to our stories and will use our skills to create special items throughout the festive period.

## PSED

Children will be taking part in a range of circle time activities to get to know their new school friends and teachers. We shall also be following a scheme of work called 'Jigsaw' to support our PSED understanding. Our 'People Who Help Us' topic will teach us about stranger danger and how we can stay safe in the season of celebrations.

## What can you do at home to help?

- Please read to your child and discuss what you have read with them, asking questions about the story and the characters. Also, discuss the pictures asking who, where, what, when and how questions.
- Support your child to develop fine motor control when practising writing their name.
- Use the following websites for fun learning activities:
- <u>http://www.sparkisland.com/</u>
- <u>https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/</u>
- https://www.topmarks.co.uk/