

Subject	What will my child be learning in Nursery? Topic: Why do you love me so much?
English (Literacy)	Talk for Writing- Your child will begin to explore some simple nursery rhymes. We will start to retell the rhymes using actions with our bodies and will work towards retelling the rhymes independently.
Communication and Language	Phonics -Your child will be learning to distinguish the different sounds that they hear in the surrounding environment. We will play sound games, go on listening walks and introduce 'Fred Talk' which will encourage the children to listen to the sounds in words and introduce the concept of blending (putting sounds together, e.g. c-a-t is cat) and segmenting (cat is c-a-t) in everyday activities.
Mark making/writing	Your child will have lots of opportunities to develop their fine motor skills, through activities such as threading, playdough and tweezers. We will also provide lots of opportunities for children to experiment with making marks with a wide variety of tools and media.
Maths	Your child will be learning to recognise the value of numbers to 5, whilst exploring one to one correspondence with number. We will also look at the days of the week in the correct order. <b>Shape, space and measure-</b> your child will begin to explore size and related vocabulary as they investigate how they are different from each other.
Understanding the World	Your child will be looking at who is in their family and how our families can be different or similar to others.

	<p>We will begin to explore simple ICT/interactive resources in the nursery.</p> <p>We will start to explore the natural environment, particularly in our immediate outdoor provision and school surroundings.</p>
<b>Expressive Arts and Design</b>	<p>Your child will be learning to select and use a wide range of media and materials in our Messy Play areas both inside and outdoors, as well as our craft zone. This will include paints, colouring crayons, pencils, glue and playdough.</p> <p>We will learn how to use scissors safely and will think about how to look after our creative resources.</p> <p>We will enjoy songs and rhymes in nursery every day! Your child will also begin to explore musical instruments.</p>
<b>Personal, social and emotional development</b>	<p>Your child will begin to settle into nursery and begin to form positive attachments with adults and children within the setting. We will positively promote self-control, kindness, curiosity and self-confidence. We will read stories and explore small world/role play that supports these characteristics and will be practising them in our nursery throughout all aspects of provision.</p>
<b>Physical development</b>	<p>Your child will be developing their gross motor skills through using a variety of big play equipment, such as hoops, balls, ribbons and beanbags.</p>
<b>Harrier Value</b>	<p>Each half term, the children will explore one of our Harrier values. This half term, our value is 'Everyone working together'.</p>

Subject	How you can support your child's learning at home? Topic: Why do you love me so much?
English (Literacy)	Please try to read with your child every day. This will support their growing phonic knowledge and help them to develop a wide and rich vocabulary. This will also support their reading comprehension skills, helping them to make sense of words and phrases and begin to use them appropriately and independently.
Communication and Language	Encourage your child to listen to the sounds that they can hear in the world around them and to talk about what they can hear.
Mark making/writing	Share simple mark making opportunities with your child. For example, using paintbrushes and water outside on the wall or patio. Talk to your child about their marks, supporting them to give meaning to the marks they have made. Encourage them to 'sign' their artwork as they develop the concept of 'writing' their name.
Maths	Your child will be exploring numbers to 5 and securing one to one number correspondence. You can help by encouraging your child to count as they climb the stairs or pass cars on the way to nursery. Support your child to recognise numbers in the environment, for example by looking at your door number or price tags in shops.
Understanding the World	Your child is learning about their family and how they may differ or be the same to others. Please talk about people who are important to them. This would be a great opportunity to contribute a page to their Personal Learning Story!

<p><b>Expressive Arts and Design</b></p>	<p>Please offer lots of opportunities for your child to be creative at home. This could include drawing pictures, colouring, making models with recycling and practising using scissors safely. Again, please feel free to share any creations as a contribution to your child's Personal Learning story!</p> <p>We would love your child to share songs/rhymes with us at carpet time! Keep an eye out for the 'Rhyme of the Week'.</p>
<p><b>Personal, social and emotional development</b></p>	<p>Your child will continue to develop the good manners at school that you have always encouraged at home. We will continue to promote this at snack times, carpet time and throughout our sessions.</p>
<p><b>Physical development</b></p>	<p>Give lots of opportunities to develop <i>fine motor skills</i> – using scissors, threading buttons, helping with baking, having a go at simple fastenings on shoes/clothing (velcro, zips, press studs etc).</p> <p>Support <i>gross motor skills</i> through activities such as exploring climbing frames, soft play, ball games and balancing equipment.</p> <p>Support your child to use the toilet independently where possible and stress the importance of handwashing.</p>
<p><b>Harrier Value</b></p>	<p>Working together as a team to do things around the house.</p>