

Subject	What will my child be learning in Nursery? Topic: How high can I jump?
English (Literacy)	<p><b>Talk for Writing-</b>. This half term, we will be reading all about Hairy McClary! We will join this very active pooch on a very eventful journey, meeting lots of friends along the way. Later, we will have lots of fun using our best descriptive language to have a go at describing a familiar character from our lives or another story. <b>At home- go on a journey with your family (it may be just to the shops or even further afield) and think about someone that you see on the way. Can you describe them? Perhaps you can draw them and make up your own story about what they did next!</b></p>
Communication and Language	<p><b>Phonics-</b> Our school starters (where appropriate) will continue to learn Set 1 sounds following Read Write Inc phonics. Please refer to the video on Tapestry regarding the 'pure' sounds to practise at home. Our younger children will continue to work with Letters &amp; Sounds Phase 1 as they continue to develop their listening, attention &amp; sound discrimination skills. <b>At home- Look at the video clip on Tapestry when you can. How many of the sounds can you hear while you are out and about? Keep enjoying books together too. Talk about the pictures, pause when reading a familiar phrase or refrain and give your child time to jump in and finish it. Try sneaking in a silly phrase instead- can your child spot it?</b></p>
Mark making/writing	<p>The children will continue to be supported to use their developing print and letter knowledge, for e.g., by representing the initial letter of their first name to label their work or talking about what the marks, pictures and shapes that they draw mean. We will be exploring different kinds of texts in the environment and marks for a purpose- for example to pass on a message or keep score during a game. <b>At home- keep providing opportunities to make marks with meaning- send a postcard to Grandma or write a message to one of your Nursery friends to pop into our post box.</b></p>
Maths	<p>We will be consolidating lots of our learning this half term. We will use numbers purposefully to keep score as we play games and will think of different ways to represent them. We will also investigate some everyday Maths problems as we play- how many more bats do we need so everyone can play? This half term, we will also look at patterns all around us and think of the language that we can use to describe them. <b>At home- have a look at patterns around you at home. Can you describe your football team's shirt? Are your bedcovers spotty or do they have stripes? Can you draw the pattern?</b></p>
Understanding the World	<p>Our caterpillars should finally be here after a slight delay so we look forward to watching them go through their natural cycle to become butterflies ready to release in our garden. Exciting! We will also explore forces as we think about how we can control balls and other resources as we roll them around the parachute and explore things that move in different ways,</p>

	such as wind up toys, push puppets and spinning tops. <b>At home- jump in the paddling pool and watch what happens to the water! Add some balls and wind-up toys and watch how they move across the pool.</b>
<b>Expressive Arts and Design</b>	As we explore our new topic, we will continue to use tools for a purpose as we join and fix things together and creating on a large scale with paint and chalk, marking out games and finish lines for our races. We will also use balls, hoops and ribbons as we create our own movements and dances. <b>At home- stay creative and pop on some tunes to work out to together. Think of your own moves to accompany the music or try a few Joe Wicks 5 minute workouts- the children love them!</b>
<b>Personal, social and emotional development</b>	There will be a focus on transition this half term, whether into Reception or simply moving up to Nursery Year 2! We will celebrate our achievements over the past year and look forward to our expectations of the year to come. Role play and visits to our new classroom will help us to get ready for the change! Our Nursery Year 1 children will meet their new Nursery friends during the next half term too! The children will also be learning that 'slow and steady wins the race' as they listen to the fable of 'The Hare and the Tortoise' as part of our new topic, recognising that everyone can be a winner and that we all have our unique strengths and skills! <b>At home- keep supporting your child's independence with little tasks to help them to prepare for 'big school', such as putting on shoes and changing for PE. Talk with your child about the changes that are coming up and any worries that they may have. Let us know if we can help!</b>
<b>Physical development</b>	The children will continue to take part in a PE session, which supports co-ordination and control. We will continue to enjoy the (hopefully) good weather as we play some simple team games, developing our ball skills and enjoying some more athletic challenges in line with our new topic! We will also continue to support fine motor development as we handle different resources in order to move and manipulate them. We will keep practising some simple self- care skills to support our independence in school, such as fastening shoes and buttons. Healthy eating and good oral hygiene will be a big focus too as we work to keep ourselves healthy in every way! We may even have a visit from the dentist! <b>At home- Support your child to make healthy choices around food and drink and promote good oral hygiene. Help your child to recognise how important these choices are for long term good health. Please remember that school rules allow only water in bottles to support good dental health.</b>
<b>Harrier Value</b>	Each half term, the children will explore one of our Harrier Values. See the Newsletter for more details! Please do share how your child demonstrates our Harrier Values at home too- we would love to celebrate with you!



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