

Keston Primary School and Nursery

Curriculum Information



Nursery Autumn Term 1

Welcome to our Nursery. We hope your children are settling in well.

This half term, our topic is Dinosaurs.

In our planning for **Personal, Social and Emotional Development** this term, our main aim is to help your child to become confident at Nursery, to develop independence skills, to be able to follow Nursery routines and procedures and to begin to build positive relationships with adults in the classroom and make new friends. We will have regular circle times, celebrate Harvest by giving thanks for all we have and take part in our Family Autumn Walk.

To help your child discuss their new class - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/games/time-for-school-my-school-book>

In **Communication and Language** we will encourage the children to develop speaking and listening skills through individual activities, in small groups and during circle time. In **Literacy** we'll introduce 'letters and sounds' activities, retelling stories and sharing books, practise using pencils and other hand tools correctly. Two of our focus stories this half term are 'Dinosaur Roar' (Paul and Henrietta Stickland) and 'Ten little dinosaurs' (Mike Brownlow).

Play this listening game - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio/remember-to-planting>

Sing along to the alphabet song - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/get-squiggling-letters-alphabet-song>

Use language to describe clothing for the three bears - <http://www.iboard.co.uk/iwb/Three-Bears-Going-Out-454>

We will develop **Mathematical** skills with counting, sorting and ordering activities using different natural materials.

Practice counting with Peter Rabbit - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/peter-rabbit-counting>

Practice counting, recognising and writing numbers to 10 - http://mrcrammond.com/games/understanding_number/Understanding_number.swf?sid=3683

We will talk about the Nursery environment and the children's home/local environment in **Understanding the World** and we'll explore our school grounds and buildings. We will talk about similarities and differences in relation to our friends and families. We will be looking closely at autumn changes.

Learn about looking after pets - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/games/my-pet-and-me-game>

Identify the hidden vegetables - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/games/our-family-vegetable-quiz>

We will experiment with primary and autumn colours in our **Expressive Arts and Design**, where the children will use printing, painting, collage and mix their own range of colours. Our play frame will be used for recreating everyday experiences in role play and we'll be joining in with singing a range of familiar songs and nursery rhymes.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/games/tee-and-mo-musical-garden>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/something-special-nursery-rhyme-compilation>

We will encourage the children to use the indoor and outdoor play areas to develop a range of **Physical Skills** through their play activities. The children will have opportunities to develop their fine motor skills through daily 'Finger Gym' activities. We will be making use of the school's new all-weather running track as part of the Keston Kilometre initiative. Please note, the children will not need a change of clothes for this.

How to help your child - To support your child's learning and development this half term, you could encourage him/her to manage small tasks and routines independently at home and when coming in to Nursery. If you're out and about, do please collect some conkers, acorns and autumn leaves for our maths and creative activities.

Please make the most of the activities available in the 'Learning Library'. We would really appreciate some help in running the learning library, if you are interested please speak to a member of staff.

Young Explorers Walk

Friday 19th October

We meet on Farthing Downs at 10am, and take a leisurely walk through the woods looking for seasonal changes.

You are welcome to bring family and friends and the walk is fairly buggy friendly.

Sessional Care will be available from 12 noon

Other Dates for your Diary

Friday 21 st September	Early Years Phonics workshop at 9.30am (more information to follow)
Wednesday 10 th October	Harvest (for our children only)
Tuesday 16 th October	Parents evening 4-7pm
Thursday 18 th October	Parents evening 5-8pm

And looking ahead...

Friday 9 th November	Bring a Family Man to School day
Friday 7 th December	Christmas Fun Workshop for children and a parent/carer (sorry no toddlers)

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Miss East and Mrs Meadowcroft

