

Keston Primary School and Nursery

Curriculum Information



Looking ahead... Nursery Summer 1

We will be looking at the stories of *The Bog Baby*, *The Gruffalo* and learning about farm animals.

We will develop investigation skills using all our senses to learn about our school environment and the wider world, including looking closely at natural patterns and combining materials.

We also follow the children's interests and adapt our activities to meet their needs.

In **Personal Social and Emotional Development** we will continue to develop relationships with peers, enabling the children to extend each other's play ideas. We will encourage the children to talk about their home and community, as well as provide opportunities for the children to carry out small tasks around the Nursery. We will continue to support the children in being aware of the feelings and needs of other children and support them in turn taking and sharing.

In **Communication & Language** we will model, and encourage the children to use more complex sentences, using talk to explain ideas about what's happening and what might happen next. We will also ask lots of 'how' and 'why' questions for the children to consider.

For **Physical Development**, the children will be encouraged to remove and put on their shoes and socks for physical activities in the school hall. During our allocated hall sessions this term, we will include movement, dance, and using small & large apparatus. We'll be using the field for some of our outdoor activities.

We will continue to practice using pencils, scissors and other one handed tools with good control, and encourage children to form the letters of their name clearly.

In **Literacy**, we will use story books to look at how stories are structured and begin to predict how a story might end. We will be recognising familiar signs and logos. The children are continuing to learn about letters and sounds in phonics. We will also explore rhyme and alliteration through books, stories and songs.

In **Mathematics** we will continue to practise recognising numbers, and how we can represent numbers in different ways. We will begin to understand the concept of sharing a group of objects, and solve simple number problems. We will continue to use the Numberblocks CBeebies series to investigate numbers.

In **Understanding the World** we will explore animals and their habitats, starting with pond creatures and then moving on to farm animals. We will begin to think about different occupations. We will encourage the children to use technological toys, such as cameras, mobile phones, tills etc.

In **Expressive Arts & Design**, we will continue to develop imaginative play through small world role play, creating their own simple story lines. We will also further develop colour mixing skills, painting and printing techniques. In construction and junk modelling, we will encourage children to build with a purpose.

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.



Please continue to send in feedback forms from the Learning Library, and the WOW moment slips of anything you have noticed them doing at home. They are really useful to have as a part of the child's learning journal and might give us an insight in to something we might not see in the Nursery!

During this half term, we would like to invite you to join us for part of the morning to join in with the children's independent learning activities and share your child's Learning Folder with them.

Come along on Wednesday 8th May from 9am until 9.30am.

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FAMILY TRIP to BOCKETTS FARM

is on **Friday 24th May** from 10am onwards

All family and friends are invited to join our informal school trip.

This is a fabulous farm offering so many different experiences with a huge covered area if the weather is poor.

We meet at the farm, perhaps sharing the car journey, which takes about 35 mins.

The farm will offer animal handling, a tractor ride, goat milking, possibly sheep shearing and many more activities for you to enjoy informally as a family unit.

There are several play barns and spaces for the children to explore and we have always found the children to be stimulated and have great fun.

Please see trip letter for more information.

*There will be **no** morning Nursery session and **no** Sessional Care available on Friday 24th May.*

Please note: The Nursery Family Sports Day is on Friday 12th July.

More information to follow.

Reminder:

Nursery Summer Uniform: Polo shirt, royal blue shorts, trainers or shoes with a Velcro fastening only.

Please note Summer dresses are **not appropriate** for Nursery children due to the physical nature of our environment.

Do remember that the children need to bring a coat to school every day at the moment as the weather often changes during the day!

As the weather improves, do apply sun protection cream before the nursery session and provide a named hat for your child to wear outside on sunny days.

Please remember that open toe sandals are not appropriate for Nursery.

We welcome extra helpers at our Nursery sessions. If you're interested in coming in on a regular or occasional basis, do please talk to the class teacher. You'll need to arrange a DBS check via the school office before you start.

Thank you all for your continued support for our Nursery and our school.

This, and other, parent information letters are available on the school website.



Miss East & Mrs Meadowcroft