

SKY CLASS CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2026

Our themes are This is Me and Reach for the Stars. We will explore: Who am I and who is special to me? Why do we have special times?



Characteristics of effective learning: PRETENDASAUR.

In Autumn, children will investigate and experience new things. They will 'have a go' through play and explain what they are doing with Pretendosaur.

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

We will enjoy rhymes, songs and stories; follow simple instructions; name familiar objects and family members; and use words, gestures and short phrases to communicate and ask questions.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

We will walk for longer periods and be able to stop, start and change direction. We will be learning how to climb and dismount safely. Fine-motor control will be developed through small objects, dough, construction and tools. Children will learn how to snip card and make purposeful marks.

MATHEMATICS

Through White Rose Nursery foundations, we will compare amounts, explore shapes and repeated patterns, hear and join in with number names, say 1, 2, 3 in play, and use simple positional language.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

We will explore colour, marks and sensory materials; sing nursery rhymes; copy sounds, actions and beats. We will explore construction materials and loose parts. We will develop imaginative play in the home corner, baby clinic, bakery and post office.

PERSONAL SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We will settle into nursery routines, play alongside others, take turns and begin to share. Children will learn to express needs and feelings, follow simple boundaries and build independence with coats and toileting.

LITERACY

We will share books including Brown Bear, Brown Bear, A Bit Lost, Meg and Mog and We're Going on a Leaf Hunt. We will join in with rhymes and repeated actions, explore sounds, turn pages and make marks.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

We will explore responses to our key questions which include: Who is in my family? Where do I play at nursery? What can I discover with my senses? What happens when I shine a torch?

AT HOME

Share family photographs and talk about special people and celebrations. Enjoy favourite books and rhymes, count to 3, use position words, notice autumn leaves and light and dark, and encourage independence with feeding, drinking from an open cup and putting on own coats.