

Pre-School Autumn Term 1 – Marvellous Me

This half term the children will explore the theme *Marvellous Me*, learning about themselves, their local area, and the wider world. They will build knowledge and skills across all areas of learning through stories, play, exploration and hands-on experience

Key Texts This Half Term

You Choose – Nick Sharratt, The Family Book – Todd Parr, The Feelings Book – Todd Parr, Be Gentle, My Body – Jill McDonald, The Leaf Thief, Whatever Next, The Gingerbread Man, Daily stories, rhymes and action songs

Key Learning for the 7 Areas of Learning

1. Communication & Language

- Listening to stories, rhymes and songs
- Listening to their name and shifting between tasks
- Speaking in simple sentences
- Following 1-word instructions (stop, drink)
- Focusing on an activity for a short period

2. Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Separating from main carer
- Understanding feelings (happy, sad, angry, worried)
- Knowing behavioural expectations
- Understanding rules and right/wrong
- Talking about who is special to them

3. Physical Development

- Using palm grip for mark making
- Using spring-loaded scissors
- Feeding with a spoon
- Balancing, running, jumping, kicking
- Using bikes, scooters and negotiating space
- Pouring water, sand and mud

4. Literacy

- Holding a book correctly
- Joining in with refrains
- Developing phonological awareness
- Choosing books to share
- Using simple story maps
- Oral retelling using a Story Mountain

5. Maths

- Recognising and matching colours
- Counting aloud to 5
- Giving 1 when asked
- Comparing sizes
- Completing inset puzzles
- Exploring 2D shapes

6. Understanding the World

- Talking about family and home
- Exploring Autumn weather
- Using magnifying glasses, bug pots, binoculars
- Looking at maps
- Talking about job roles
- Exploring materials and noticing changes (baking biscuits)

7. Expressive Arts & Design

- Painting self-portraits
- Using glue and collage
- Building towers
- Dancing and ring games
- Exploring instruments
- Baking and decorating Gingerbread Men

Key Vocabulary

Literacy & Communication Vocabulary

listen, name, stop, drink, rhyme, story, book, page, pictures, words, turn, sentence, happy, sad, angry, worried, family,

Maths Vocabulary

count, one more, bigger, little, small, match, colour, 2D shape, corner, flat, size,

Topic Vocabulary

Autumn, weather, day, night, morning, afternoon, technology, transport, travel, home, pets, family, community, job roles, senses, body parts, facial features, materials, change.

Ideas for Home Learning

Communication & Language

- Share stories and rhymes
- Encourage simple sentences
- Play “stop/go” listening games

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Talk about feelings using pictures or colours
- Practise separating at drop-off
- Reinforce simple home rules

Physical Development

- Practise snipping with child-safe scissors
- Play balancing games
- Pour water or sand between containers

Literacy

- Look at books together and talk about pictures
- Join in with repeated phrases
- Clap or tap out rhythms in rhymes

Maths

- Sort objects by colour or size
- Count toys to 5
- Compare items: bigger/smaller

Understanding the World

- Go on an Autumn walk
- Talk about pets, family and home
- Explore simple maps (e.g., route to nursery)

Expressive Arts & Design

- Draw faces and body parts
- Dance to favourite songs
- Make simple collages or models

Additional Experiences This Term

Queenswood Trip

Reception Parent Information Evening

Autumn Walk

All About Me Box

Harvest Assembly