

# The Ryde School

## Prime areas of learning

### Personal, Social and Emotional

The focus at the beginning of the Autumn term will be on settling the children into Nursery. Supporting them with the daily routine of Nursery and helping them to explore the different areas. We will also be looking at who helps us; friends, family, teachers, doctors, fireman etc. We will be discussing how we can be kind to our friends and encouraging the children to use their words to describe how they are feeling.

### Communication and Language

Within our topics we will be encouraging the children to talk about some of the special events they have experienced for example; watching fireworks with their family. We will be setting up different role play areas to encourage their communication and language skills such as; a home corner and a hospital. Small world areas linked to their interests will also be created to allow them to make links to their own life and past experiences.

### Physical Development

During the Autumn term we will be focusing moving in various ways such as running, walking and jumping. We will also be working on negotiating space successfully, adjusting speed or direction to avoid obstacles. As part of our daily routine we will be doing various fine motor activities in order to strengthen their fingers in preparation for mark making. We will also be practising our gross motor skills in lots of different ways such as; mark making using chalk on the ground and using the climbing frame.

## Curriculum Information: Nursery Autumn Term

### How you can help your child

- Go on an Autumn walk with your child, what changes can you see?
- Encourage your child to discuss what makes them unique, who is in their family?
- Point out different shapes in the environment - 'the car has round wheels'
- Counting steps with your child.
- Reading stories.
- Singing songs.

### Enrichments

- Parent sessions.
- Trip to the post box to post Christmas cards/ letters.
- Christmas play/songs.

## Specific areas of learning

### Literacy

The two main topics we will be focusing on this term are; 'Me and my Family' and 'Winter wonderland'. Some of the stories that we will be looking at are; Owl Babies, Hooray for Fish, The Very Helpful Hedgehog, Ridicules! and The Snowman. We will be exploring the different characters, the structure of the stories and encouraging the children to join in with some of the key phrases in the books.

### Mathematics

In Nursery we will be exploring how we can sort objects into different groups. For example; sorting leaves into different sizes, shapes or colours. We will be looking at counting objects using our 'magic finger' always touching each object as we count. We shall be exploring what can be counted e.g. steps, claps and jumps.

### Understanding the World

We will be discussing the different seasons and in particular Autumn and winter. What changes we can see in our environment? We will also be talking about lots of special celebrations and festivals such as; Bonfire night, Diwali and Christmas. As part of our 'Me and My Family' topic we will be discussing who is in your family and some of the similarities and differences between ourselves and others.

### Expressive arts and design

We will be making hedgehogs out of clay and constructing houses for them to live in; looking at different textures and selecting which tools and materials would be most effective. Creating self-portraits; using a pencil to sketch the outline first and encouraging the children to look closely at the shapes and colours on their face before they draw. The children will also be using the same skills to paint their favourite fish from the story 'Hooray for Fish'. As a whole class we will be experimenting with instruments to create different sounds.

