



Learning to Learn: Dear Mother Goose

Reception Autumn Term One 2023

Big picture

We value the importance of first interactions and endeavour to make the transition to school both smooth and fun for all children. Through this theme, children are introduced gradually to the rules and routines of school and begin to understand what makes a good learner. Together we explore our new environments and form relationships with one another. Through songs and rhymes we develop mathematic and phonological awareness skills which will undoubtedly form foundations for our learning throughout the year. This half term, we participate in Squiggle While You Wiggle (gross motor activities) and Concept Cat (vocabulary) sessions. We also get to look around an old fashioned bus and get to have a tea party with Mother Goose!



Entry and Exit Point

Entry: Nursery Rhyme Theatre Experience (by the Reception Staff)

Exit: A Mother Goose Tea Party

Growing together

Opportunities for all

Learning for life

Daring to dream

SMSC

Throughout our theme we will have the opportunity to explore and develop moral concepts and values on moral dilemmas. Using philosophical questions We will have a sense of empathy and appreciation with others' lives in different geographical settings; having time to reflect on their experiences and compare to our own. We will make responsible and reasoned judgments and share our views and opinions.

Characteristics of Effective Learning

We will begin to develop our key skills of:

- playing and exploring
- resilience
- enjoying and achieving
- reflectiveness
- collaboration
- creative thinking
- independence

Language and Communication/ Literacy:

- Developing phonological awareness
- Listening and responding to stories
- Communicating our needs
- Pretend play with toys and puppets
- Recognising, building and writing our name

Physical Development:

- Gross motor skills; rolling, crawling, jumping, running, hopping, skipping and climbing.
- Fine motor skills; rolling, pouring, stirring, threading, weaving, dressing and using cutlery.
- Negotiating space
- Hand Washing

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

- Making new friends
- Exploring and trying new experiences
- Developing every day routines
- Sharing and taking turns
- Using kind hands, words and feet
- Understanding the rules, rewards and consequences

Mathematics:

- Singing counting songs
- Recognising and spotting numbers in the environment
- Matching and sorting
- Comparing amounts
- Exploring size, mass and capacity
- Exploring pattern

Understanding the World:

- Our environment (Our school, our town, London)
- Class animals & habitats: Mice, Moles and Hedgehogs
- Exploring with our senses
- Autumn
- Harvest

Expressive Arts and Design:

- Choosing resources
- Painting
- Singing songs and rhymes
- Exploring instruments and music
- Performing as a group