

Welcome to little nursery, this is our Half Termly letter to let you know what Topics we will be covering, what stories and rhymes we will be learning.

Please continue to encourage your child to sing songs / rhymes and read stories together. It's so importance to start early with our children. Repetition of rhymes and stories is good for the brain, teaching how language works and building memory capabilities.

I know a couple of parents have been concern about having too much water play because of the weather changing and their child getting too wet.

Early development is an important time for physical, social, and emotional growth for children. Learning new things happens every day and there are plenty of ways that you can help them learn and grow. One fun way is through sand and water play, which assists development in many different ways, from physical to emotional.

And, as you'd expect, it's a chance for children to have fun and get messy!

Sand and water play are essentially how it sounds, playing with water and sand, either together or separately, with hands or whole bodies (depending on how large you make the play area).

Here's a few benefits of sand and water play:

Develops hand-eye coordination

Playing with water and sand will increase fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination through actions like pouring, squirting, scrubbing, stirring, and squeezing.

Develops sensory acknowledgement

Water and sand offer different textural and temperature experiences, helping children acknowledge sensory changes and respond to them.

It also allows them to play with different substances and make discoveries about them, i.e., dry sand is grainy and wet sand will stick to them.

Develops social skills

Playing in a social setting is the perfect environment for children to develop social skills. As children play together with sand and water, it encourages role play and skills like cooperation and sharing.

And as it can release energy, sand and water play can be both invigorating or relaxing and calming for young children.

Develops science and mathematical learning

Watching and playing with sand and water introduces children to simple science and mathematical concepts, like learning terms such as Full, Empty, Half, Less. It also allows them to play with measurement, compare volumes and observe motion.

Not only that but it helps to develop creative thinking, imagination and problem solving.

This half term Topics...
Setting in, Winter festivals and starting Winter

Our 3 main areas are...

Communication and Language Development

Personal, Social, and Emotional Development

Physical Development

We also look at the following areas...

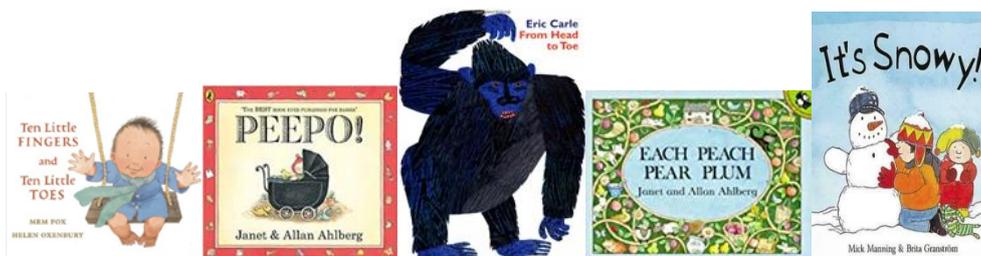
Literacy Development

Mathematics

Expressive Arts and Design

Understanding the world

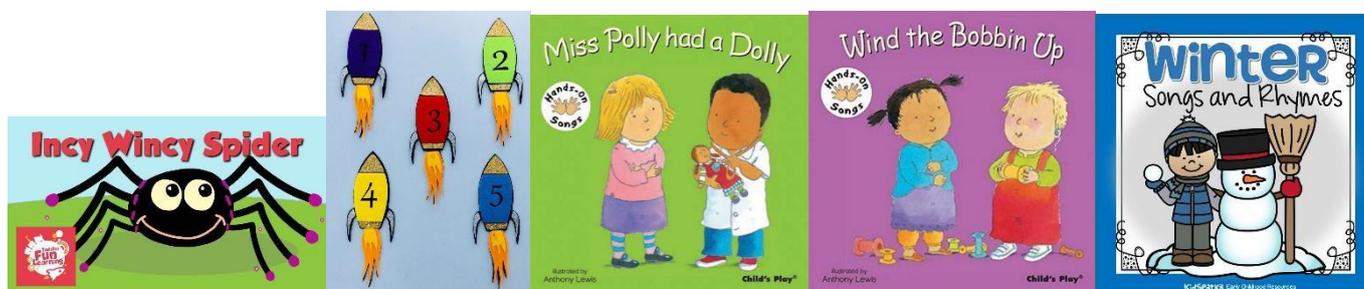
The Stories we will be looking at...



We try and cover our stories over 2 weeks depending on the interest with the children.

- 10 fingers and 10 little toes
- Each peach pear plum
- From Head to Toe
- Peepo!
- It's Snowy

The Rhyme we are learning...



The children will take to rhyme /song home when we do them.

- Incy Wincy Spider
- 5 little rockets
- Miss Polly had a dolly
- Wind the bobbin up
- We will also be doing some festive songs.

Winter festivals

Week 1 - Diwali (4th Nov) Fireworks (Guy Fawkes day - 5th Nov)

Week 2 - Remembrance Day

Week 3 - Anti Bullying week

Week 4 - Introducing Winter

Week 5 - Winter / Christmas

Week 6 - Christmas

Week 7 - Last week - Finishing off Christmas and parties

Key Dates

Week 1 - 1st Nov - Inset day

2nd, 3rd 2YO Meeting

Week 2 - 9th, 10th - 2YO Meeting.

Week 3 - 15th -19th - Wear Odd socks

19th Nov - Dress up day for children in need.

Week 4 -

Week 5 -

Week 6 -

Week 7 - 16th Dec - PM Children's Last day of term

17th Dec - AM Children's Last day of term.

Friday - Coffee morning - All welcome

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Week 1 - 5th January - Existing 2YO children RETURN Every

Things to remember...

- 50P a week for Snack money.
- Come and see us if your child needs their reading book changed.
- If you have a question or concern please come and see us. We are always happy to support and help in any way we can.

From the 2-year-old team - Gemma and Sophie

