

## How you can help at home



The children have settled well into nursery in the autumn term.

In the spring term we will be encouraging your child to extend and add to the skills they learnt in the autumn term.

Please help at home by supporting them to develop their early reading and writing skills. Reading to them every day will help with their language skills, their understanding of story and their imaginations.

Many of the children have begun to develop their interest in mark making, it's important to also give them the opportunity to improve these skills when at home. Children love using different pens, pencils, note pads, post-it notes, and white boards. Any reinforcement you can give them at home helps to build their skills and confidence.

Encourage your child to develop their maths knowledge through everyday practice – observing shapes in the environment, talking about money when shopping, counting and comparing objects, using measuring skills through cooking together...etc.

Continue to support your child to be independent and to practise the physical skills they are developing at school. They have made great progress with self-care and we will continue to help them with this.

We will use Tapestry online journal to keep a record of your child's 'Wow' moments. Also, keep looking at Dojo for class and school information. You are able to access these from home and add your own 'Wow' moments for us to share.

Parent meetings will take place in spring term, so please attend these and look out for the dates.

Any questions or concerns please speak to our Plum Class staff.

We have enjoyed getting to know your children in the autumn term and look forward to supporting them in their continued learning this term.

Plum Class Team

## Communication & Language

We will be learning and using a wider range of vocabulary. Also working to understand a question or instruction that has two parts and 'why' questions,

Being able to express a point of view and to debate when they disagree with an adult or a friend, using words as well as actions.

Starting a conversation with an adult or a friend and continuing it for many turns. Using talk to organise themselves and their play.

## Maths

We will be using a variety of materials for the children to explore, looking at size, measure, comparing quantities, looking at shape and numerical patterns.

We will be developing counting behaviour in relation to everyday contexts.

## Understanding the World

Using all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials, exploring collections of materials with similar and/or different properties. Talking about what they see, using a wide vocabulary.

Beginning to make sense of their own life-story and their family's history.

# Nursery Spring Term

## Skills Map

This term, we will be working on these skills taken from the Development Matters document.

## Physical Development

We will be helping the children to be increasingly independent with their self-care.

To continue to develop their small and large movement skills, matching their developing physical skills to tasks and activities in the setting.

## Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be encouraging the children to understand, gradually, how others might be feeling.

To increasingly follow rules, understanding why they are important.

Find solutions to conflicts and rivalries. Select and use activities and resources, with help when needed. This helps them to achieve a goal they have chosen.

## Literacy

We will be developing their awareness of sound (phonics).

Engage in extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary.

Use some of their print and letter knowledge in their early writing.

## Expressive Art & Design

We will be using various craft materials to develop our creativity and express our ideas and feelings.

We will encourage the children to use their imagination through role-play, singing, dancing and mark making.