

NURSERY LEARNING OVERVIEW

Spring: 2026



Settling In

This term we will explore the world around us and the different people and animals that live in it. We will be learning about how people celebrate special occasions such as Chinese New Year, Shrove Tuesday, Easter and Mother's Day.

There will be lots of things for the children to explore in our provision and to begin with we will focus on helping the children to settle in by:

- Spending short amounts of time in a key group listening to stories and joining in with Nursery Rhymes.
- Practising using the toilet and washing our hands at Nursery.
- Enjoying snack time together.
- Learning where things go.
- Practising putting on our own coats and wellies.
- Getting to know our teachers, our new friends and our environment.

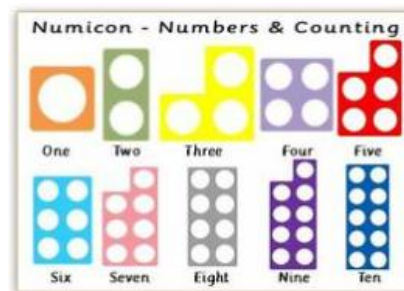
As we move into the second part of the term we will be having some very special visitors in Nurseryducklings! The children will have the opportunity to see them hatch, hold them and learn how to look after them.



MATHEMATICS

During the children's first term, we will be ensuring there are lots of opportunities to develop their mathematical skills through play, such as:

- Talking about shapes- where are the corners? Where are the edges? Where can you see this shape in the environment?
- Making patterns,
- Using positional language such as under, on, in, behind, in front of
- Representing numbers using our fingers.



BOOKS

We love reading in Nursery and learning Nursery Rhymes. Some stories we will read are:

Find Spot at Nursery

Where's Spot

Oh No George

Spot Goes to the Farm

That's not my duck

Spot Loves his Mum

The Great Big Egg Hunt



Speaking and Listening

We are passionate about supporting all of our children to develop their early language skills. We will be focusing on using full sentences when speaking and copying these when modelled by an adult, talking about where something is eg, the cat is **behind** the chair, the frog is **on** the log. Teaching children opposites such as day and night and helping children to use plurals eg, look there is one cat or look there are two cats.

It would be helpful if you could also practise these things at home with your children.

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