

Gems Nursery Curriculum Letter

Autumn 2nd half term 2014



Personal, Social and Emotional Development	<p>We shall continue to focus on supporting the children in making good relationships with their peers and adults in Gems Nursery.</p> <p>We shall also be thinking about 'What Makes Me Special'. To help the children to talk about this and share their experiences we would like you and your child over the half term holiday to make a 'My Special Box' that they can bring into school and share with their peers and staff. They can decorate the box (shoe box size) and add a few of their favourite items or photos/drawings of these things along with photos of family, pets, and friends, places they like to go or things that they like to do.</p>
Physical Development	<p>All children will be involved in physical activities using a variety of large and small equipment each day. These include; use of vehicles, building equipment, balancing and climbing equipment, scissors, jigsaw puzzles and mark making materials to develop fine and gross motor skills.</p> <p>We are continuing to encourage the children to become independent in their self-care; toileting, hygiene, dressing and keeping safe.</p>
Communication, Language and Literacy	<p>The children will continue to learn a new phoneme each week. We shall learning about story of 'When Grandma went to market', linked to other areas of learning. The story focuses on different countries around the world and their cultures. We will of course be learning about the 'Nativity' story and 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' nearer to Christmas.</p>
Mathematical Development	<p>We will continue to use the Numicon with the children to order, count, match and combine sets of quantities. (Please ask Mrs Hawking for further information regarding this piece of equipment). The children will have daily opportunities to explore number puzzles, games and activities. We will learn about length in relation to Fireworks focusing upon the language of long and short. They will learn about weight when covering 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' story in our own role play post office area.</p>
Understanding the World	<p>Our main focus for this half term will be learning about Our Special World, through the story of 'When Grandma when to market'. We shall be exposing the children to a range of different countries, including their culture, language and traditions. We would really like to involve you as parents in this area. If you are able to come in and share with the children a story or teach the children a few basic words in your first or second language. Discuss and show them artefacts from your country of birth or from your travels or cook a traditional dish for snack for example we would be extremely grateful. Please speak to Mrs Hawking to arrange a date and time. Thank you.</p> <p>We shall also celebrate Bonfire Night and Christmas with the children linked to other areas of learning.</p>
Expressive Arts and Design	<p>Over the half term the children will have the opportunity to explore a range of different creative activities linked to the stories mentioned above as well as Bonfire Night and Christmas. The children will also learn lots of new songs ready for our Christmas Performance with Little Gems. More information to follow at a later date.</p> <p>Along with numerous creative activities the children will have daily opportunities to explore musical instrument, play dough, sand, water, shaving foam, corn flour and different pulses and pasta shapes.</p>

Please check the notice board outside the cloakroom door for daily information.

The Newsletter will be sent out fortnightly.

Please support your child be sending in an items for the 'Phoneme of the Week'.