

Nursery Autumn 2  
5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018

Every day your child enjoys a broad range of different subjects and learning experiences. We follow a similar timetable every day, so that we can embed our classroom routines and master skills that are important within subjects, such as English and Maths.

8:30-9:00am	Morning Meeting and Sounds
9:00-10:00am	Choosing Time
10:00-10:15am	Snack and Story Time
10:15-10:35am	T+W or Maths*
10:35-10:50am	Character/Core
10:50-11:10am	Break
11:10-11:30am	AM students: Reflection/ Going Home FT students: washing hands
11:30-1:00pm	Family Dining/ Break (PM students: Afternoon Meeting and Sounds 12:30-12:50pm)
1:00-1:20pm	T+W or Maths*
1:20-3:00pm	Choosing Time (PM students: 2.00pm Snack and Character/Core)
3:00-3:10pm	Tidy up
3:10-3:25pm	Milk and Homework presentation
3:25-3:30pm	Reflection/ Going Home

\*Alternated throughout a two week period to ensure AM and PM students have equal sessions of Talk for Writing and Maths Meeting.

Subject	What is my child learning about at school?
English Literature <i>Talk 4 Writing</i>	Your child is continuing with their learning of how to retell a story using a <b>Confident Voice</b> . A Confident Voice means that when speaking they are heard clearly by their audience. The story that we will be using is <i>The Three Little Pigs</i> . We will begin by retelling this story as a class using actions with our bodies. The children will work towards retelling the story individually and independently. Your child will also learn about the structure of a story (beginning, middle and end) and make predictions about what might happen next within the story.
Reading - <i>Sounds-Write (Phonics)</i>	Your child is learning to recognise and write initial sounds. Your child is also learning blending and segmenting skills which will support them as they move on to reading and writing independently.  The sounds we are focusing on this term are:  <p style="text-align: center;">a i m s t n o p</p>
Writing - <i>Nelson Handwriting</i>	Your child is continuing to learning how to use a 'Perfect Pencil Grip' to form their sounds correctly and will have lots of opportunities within the classroom to develop their fine motor skills. For example, using tweezers, threading, playdough. Pupils will begin to write CVC words during their sounds time and will be writing their name every day. There will also be lots of daily opportunities for writing around the classroom. For example, within the role play area and at the writing table.
Mathematics - <i>Maths No Problem</i>	Your child will be learning to recognise the value of numbers to 10, whilst developing their one to one correspondence. Each day the children will continue taking part in a Maths Meeting where they will revise and be introduced to new concepts, such as addition, shapes, positional language and patterns. We will be learning about the language associated with measuring size. Your child will be sorting objects according to size (big and small) and talking about things which are 'bigger' or 'smaller', 'taller' or 'shorter' and will use non-standard units of measurement to help us. For example, teddy bears, blocks, feet and hands.
Knowledge <i>History, Geography and Science</i>	Our unit this term is 'People and Communities'. Your child will be learning about the local community and people in the local community who help us. Pupils will learn not only about their immediate community, but also about our capital city, London. Alongside this we will also be looking at who is in our community and how do we help each other. For example, firefighters and doctors.
Character	Your child is learning about leadership and teamwork, fairness and service to others. We will be reading stories about these character virtues and putting them into practice in the classroom and around the wider school community.

<p><b>Art</b></p>	<p>This term we will be looking at Claude Monet's 'London Landscapes', which supports our current topic. We will study some of Monet's work and then create our own London landscapes using a range of different media.</p>
<p><b>Design and Technology</b></p>	<p>In Design and Technology your child is continuing to use junk modelling materials to create their own inventions. They are learning how to use glue and masking tape to stick things together, and to use scissors carefully. We will also be going up to the kitchen to practise cooking skills, personal hygiene, following a recipe and taking turns.</p>
<p><b>Music</b></p>	<p>Your child sings with their class every day. They will start preparing for the Nativity, during which they will need to demonstrate their bravery singing in front of others. We will also be using instruments to practise copying a rhythm and to look at tempo, pitch and volume. Some of the songs your child has learnt for our Daily Calendar sessions are listed below. If you are not sure of the tune, just ask your child to teach you.</p> <p><b>What's the Weather?</b> What's the weather, what's the weather, what's the weather like today? Cloudy, raining, snowing, sunny? What's the weather like today?</p> <p><b>Great Day!</b> Great day! Great day and the sun is shining. Great day! Great day and the sun is shining, The sun is going to shine on everyone!</p> <p><b>It's Raining Outside</b> It's raining outside, But I don't mind, I've got everything that I need. It's raining outside, But I don't mind, I've got everything that I need. I've got my hat, an umbrella, wellington boots and a scarf. I've got my hat, an umbrella, wellington boots and a scarf. (You can omit the items and replace with humming for an extra challenge!)</p>
<p><b>P.E.</b></p>	<p>Your child is learning to move freely with pleasure and confidence in a range of different ways. For example, skipping, crawling, slithering. We will also be practising running skilfully and negotiating space successfully, adjusting speed and/or direction to avoid obstacles.</p>

Subject	How can I support my child's learning at home?
Reading	Please read with your child every day. This will support their phonic knowledge and build a broad and rich vocabulary, which will support their reading comprehension. You can practise blending skills with your child by gathering together a small group of simple objects and sounding out the word, allowing your child to blend the sounds together and pick the correct object (p-e-n, d-o-g).
Writing	It is very important that your child uses the correct 'Perfect Pencil Grip' from the very beginning. If you notice that your child is not using this please move the pencil so that it sits between the index finger and thumb. Please encourage your child to write their name every day.
Mathematics	To help your child with number recognition, you could put a number line in their bedroom and practise the numbers together in the morning whilst getting ready for school or before bedtime. You can use different objects to compare size, for example ask your child to point out the 'bigger' or 'smaller', 'shorter' or 'taller' objects. Other language you can use at home during your daily interactions are 'biggest', 'smallest', 'shortest' or 'tallest'. You can also talk about objects that are the 'same size.' To practise using fingers to represent numbers, you can sing simple number songs at home. For example, '5 Little Speckled Frogs', '5 Little Monkeys', '10 Green Bottles', '1,2,3,4,5, Once I Caught a Fish Alive'. If you are unsure of how the tune goes, just ask your child to teach it to you.
Core Knowledge	There are an enormous number of activities you can do with your child to support their understanding of the concepts we're focusing on this term, including history, mapping and London. You could spend time with your child looking at and talking about old photo albums. Your child could even 'interview' a family member from an older generation about what it was like when they were a child. Make maps of your journey to school, the local shops and weekend outings. Your child could learn the names and functions of famous London landmarks and you could visit these places on weekends. For example, the Houses of Parliament are where 'rules' are made; St Paul's Cathedral is a place of worship; Wembley Stadium hosts big sports games and concerts.
Character	Your child is learning to say 'please' and 'thank you', especially during fruit time and family dining. Please help them practise using good manners at home during breakfast and dinner time.
Art, Design and Technology	Let your child explore making new colours using a range of media you have at home, such as poster paint or watercolour paints. Encourage your child to describe each of the colours they are making using different words or identify whether it is a primary or secondary colour.  Claude Monet's paintings of London landscapes are available to see at the National Gallery, including one of his most famous paintings 'The Thames below Westminster'.
Music	You can do lots of singing at home, particularly during morning/evening routines. For example, "This is the way we brush our teeth, this is the way we wash our hands, this is the way we eat our breakfast" (to the tune of 'Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush'). Provide opportunities for your child to listen to different types of music. You can ask which is their favourite type and talk about whether the music is slow or fast and loud or soft.
P.E.	Ensure your children have the opportunity to take part in different physical activities such as catching and throwing balls or climbing at the park. You can further support your child's understanding of their own body by talking about changes that they notice after exercising, for example, feeling hot, sweaty, thirsty or 'out of breath'.

