## **Communication and Language**

- Continuing to develop listening skills and respond to more complex instructions.
- Focusing attention on more than one thing at a time.
- Listening to adults and peers during group times and free flow play.
- Learning how to talk about familiar books and tell a long story.
- Using an increasingly wide and rich range of vocabulary when speaking through group time and free flow play.
- Learning how to respond to 'why' questions through stories and play.
- Learning and joining in with a wide range of songs.

## Literacy

- Handling books with care and learning how to follow text in a book.
- Continue tuning in to different sounds
- Understanding and practising rhyme and alliteration
- Listening to stories and building up vocabulary through discussion around them.
- Learn a selection of our core texts in depth
- Making up our own stories.
- Learning how to recognise or write their names.
- Beginning to form letters and using this knowledge to form early writing.

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Planning will be modified and developed to follow the children's interests. The topics, activities and provision will be adapted as ongoing assessment identifies the needs of the children

## **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

- Learning how to play with their peers and develop play ideas together.
- Developing their sense of responsibility and membership within the class and community.
- Learning how to find solutions to conflicts when they arise and suggest solutions.
- Learning how to discuss and describe their feelings, understand the feelings of others and learn to manage their own feelings when necessary.
- Encouraging and providing opportunities to talk and to gain confidence within class.

### RE

- Daily prayers & understanding of why we pray
- Making the sign of the Cross
- Meditation
- Sharing stories from the Bible
- Learning about Baptism
- Learning that we are part of God's family.

## **Physical Development**

- Continuing to develop and strengthen physical skills such as running, climbing, skipping and balance.
- Continuing to strengthen gross motor skills.
- Learning how to take part in child initiated group games
- Fine motor activities: including using tools such as scissors, tweezers and paint brushes.
- Providing opportunities for mark making and developing good control using pens and pencils.
- Being increasingly independent in putting on clothing such as coats and doing up zips.

# **Expressive arts and Design**

- Developing more complex stories based around small world play.
- Creating more complex and imaginative small worlds such as towns and jungles.
- Providing opportunities to develop mark making and creative skills using a wide range of materials and media.
- Providing opportunities for exploring colours and how colours can be mixed.
- Developing skills to play a range of different instruments.
- · Encourage singing and improvised singing.

#### **Mathematics**

- Daily counting songs, rhymes and games.
- Develop representation of number using our fingers.
- Continuing to develop the skills to subitise up to 3 objects.
- Learning to count up to 10.
- Providing opportunities to strengthen 1-1 counting.
- Continuing to develop the ability to match quantity and numeral.
- Providing opportunities for maths mark making.
- Learning the meaning of cardinal numbers and the cardinal principle.
- Providing opportunities for construction using shapes.
- Continue to talk about and explore 2D shapes and develop an understanding of 3D shapes
- Make comparisons between objects relating to size, length, capacity and weight.

## **Understanding the world**

- Providing opportunities to explore the natural world and inclusion of resources in provision made from natural materials.
- Learning to talk about what they can see using a range of vocabulary.
- Talking about the differences between materials and changes they notice.
- Exploring how things work.
- Continuing to develop positive attitudes about the differences between people.
- Developing respect and care for living things and for the environment.