

Communication and Language

Enjoy listening to longer stories and can remember much of what happens.
Pay attention to more than one thing at a time, which can be difficult.
Use a wider range of vocabulary.
Understand a question or instruction that has two parts, such as "Get your coat and wait at the door".
Understand 'why' questions, like: "Why do you think the caterpillar got so fat?"
Sing a large repertoire of songs.
Know many rhymes, be able to talk about familiar books, and be able to tell a long story.

Literacy

Understand the five key concepts about print:
- print has meaning
- print can have different purposes
- we read English text from left to right and from top to bottom
- the names of the different parts of a book
- page sequencing
Engage in extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary.

Physical Development

Continue to develop their movement, balancing, riding (scooters, trikes and bikes) and ball skills.
Go up steps and stairs, or climb up apparatus, using alternate feet.
Skip, hop, stand on one leg and hold a pose for a game like musical statues.
Use large-muscle movements to wave flags and streamers, paint and make marks.
Match their developing physical skills to tasks and activities in the setting. For example, they decide whether to crawl, walk or run across a plank, depending on its length and width.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Select and use activities and resources, with help when needed.
Develop their sense of responsibility and membership of a community.
Become more outgoing with unfamiliar people, in the safe context of their setting.
Show more confidence in new social situations.
Play with one or more other children, extending and elaborating play ideas.
Increasingly follow rules, understanding why they are important.

AUTUMN TERM 1 Activities *What makes me, me? / Once Upon a Time Nursery*

Mathematics

Develop fast recognition of up to 3 objects, without having to count them individually ('subitising').
Recite numbers past 5.
Say one number for each item in order: 1,2,3,4,5.
Know that the last number reached when counting a small set of objects tells you how many there are in total ('cardinal principle').
Show 'finger numbers' up to 5.
Link numerals and amounts: for example, showing the right number of objects to match the numeral, up to 5.
Select shapes appropriately: flat surfaces for building, a triangular prism for a roof, etc.
Combine shapes to make new ones – an arch, a bigger triangle, etc.

Understanding the World

Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.
Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties.
Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary.
Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice.
Explore how things work.
Plant seeds and care for growing plants
Continue developing positive attitudes about the differences between people.

Key Lines of Enquiry:

*What can I do?
How do I look similar and different to my friends?
What am I good at?
Which stories do I enjoy?
Can I pretend to be some well-known story characters e.g. the little red hen, or one of the three little pigs?*

Expressive Arts and Design

Take part in simple pretend play, using an object to represent something else even though they are not similar.
Begin to develop complex stories using small world equipment like animal sets, dolls and dolls houses, etc.
Make imaginative and complex 'small worlds' with blocks and construction kits, such as a city with different buildings and a park.
Explore different materials freely, to develop their ideas about how to use them and what to make.
Develop their own ideas and then decide which materials to use to express them.
Listen with increased attention to sounds.
Respond to what they have heard, expressing their thoughts and feelings.