



Edward the Elder Nursery Spring Term 2020

Welcome back after the Christmas break!

We hope that you all had an enjoyable holiday! This term our topic begins with 'Our Wonderful World!' We will use this as a basis for planning the different areas of the curriculum, including weekly Show and Tell, where possible. We will also be learning about our houses, where we live and different countries and develop our skills and knowledge together. Our learning takes place through a mix of adult led and child initiated sessions indoors and outdoors. The children guide our learning wherever possible.



Literacy

Children will use their phonic knowledge to begin to hear and say sounds in familiar words. They will learn to recognise their own name and begin to write it by becoming familiar with the letter shapes in it. When appropriate they will practise recognising the written form of sounds within words and will also practise the formation of different letters. The children will receive short, structured teaching of Phonics appropriate to their ability and through carefully planned play activities and the learning environment.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development & PSHE Weekly Themes

How our actions affect others/Differences amongst people/Things I am good at/Setting myself a goal/Satisfaction in achieving a goal/Things I like to do/Feeling proud/Standing up for myself.

Communication and Language

Through all areas of the curriculum, children will develop their speaking, listening and attention and understanding skills.

The children will develop these skills through carefully-planned Role Play, circle-time activities, outdoor learning and small group teaching.



Mathematics

As budding mathematicians in Nursery the children will be taught to count small amounts accurately and recite numbers confidently up to 10. They will become familiar with numbers through their play opportunities, songs, stories and rhymes. They will practise counting in different patterns and will begin to recognise numbers in their written form. Much of our mathematical work will be practical, using apparatus such as Numicon, cubes and small toys. The children will also learn about shapes in our environment and the names of simple shapes such as a square, rectangle, circle and triangle.



Physical Development

Children receive at least one taught session of PE each week and also have daily access to our outdoor classroom, allowing their gross motor skills to be refined. The children will also improve their fine motor skills by taking part in daily fine motor activities such as cutting and threading.

Understanding the World

Through all areas of the curriculum, especially topic, children will develop their knowledge of People and Communities, The World and Technology. They will enjoy relating their experiences to those they are learning about.



Homework

Children will be given a half-termly 'homework support' sheet providing a focus for each week with stories, numbers, sounds and Show and Tell themes. This will enable you to reinforce activities they may be enjoying at school whilst at home. Also, Book and Puzzle Library will take place every Tuesday.



Expressive Arts and Design

Through all areas of the curriculum children will develop their skills by exploring and using different media and materials and by being imaginative.



RE will be taught through all of our areas, especially PSED and Topic. Opportunities will be made through play-based provision using games, stories and artefacts.