



## Edward the Elder Nursery Spring Term 2022

**Welcome back** after the Christmas break! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New year.

This term our topic begins with 'I wonder ... what grows and changes. Our learning continues to take place through a mix of adult led and child initiated sessions indoors and outdoors. The children guide our learning wherever possible.

### Understanding the World



We will start the new term by exploring the season winter and comparing this to the season autumn. We will learn about winter weather and how to dress for different weathers to independently look after ourselves. We will also learn about winter animals and plants. Next half term we shall start to explore the season Spring. We will continue to use our senses when exploring the world around us.

### Literacy

We hope for children to develop a life-long love of reading. This term we will enjoy reading stories about Winter. We will encourage children to engage in conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary. We will support our nursery children to understand that print has meaning and different purposes.

This term children will start to develop their use their phonic knowledge. Initially children will learn to recognise their own name and begin to write it by becoming familiar with the letter shapes in it.

The children will receive short, structured teaching of Phonics appropriate to their ability and through carefully planned play activities and the learning environment. They will learn some letter sounds and begin to recognise words with the same initial sound. When appropriate they will practise recognising the written form of sounds within words using the correct letter formation.



### Personal, Social and Emotional Development & PSHE Weekly Themes

Through PSHE lessons and all areas of the Early Years Curriculum, children will develop their skills surrounding making relationships, self-confidence, awareness and managing their feelings and behaviour. A key focus for this term will be sharing and taking turns.



### Mathematics

We are excited to introduce the children to the characters of Ten Town this term. They will become familiar with numbers through their play opportunities, songs, stories, and rhymes. We will continue to learn songs for numbers 0-5 to support our understanding of number and number formation. As budding mathematicians in Nursery the children will be taught to count and compare small amounts accurately and recite numbers confidently. Much of our mathematical work will be practical, using apparatus such as Numicon, cubes and small toys.

The children will also measure their height this half term using string and compare their height later in the year. Children will continue to learn about shape, pattern, and measure in our environment.

### Communication and Language

Through all areas of the curriculum, children will develop their communication and language. Reading frequently to children, and then providing them with opportunities to use and embed new words in a range of contexts, such as carefully-planned Role Play, circle-time activities, outdoor learning and small group teaching, will give children the opportunity to thrive.



### Physical Development

Children will continue to receive at least one taught session of PE each week where they will need to wear a pair of black pumps to school. These can be kept at school so the children have them when accessible when needed. Children will also have daily access to our outdoor classroom, allowing their gross motor skills to be refined. It is important for the children to improve their fine motor skills by taking part in fine motor activities such as cutting and threading.

### Expressive Arts and Design

Children will develop their skills in EAD by exploring and using different media and materials and by being imaginative. We will start by 'snow painting' and will start to explore baking later in the term.



### Religious education

RE will be taught through all of our areas, especially PSED and Topic. This term we will read some Bible stories, including the story of creation. Learning opportunities will be through play-based provision using games, stories, and artefacts.

### Homework

Library will continue to take place every week. When appropriate children will start to bring home picture books and a reading diary, we encourage children to read every day. Children will be encouraged to use their log in's to Purple mash. As well as continuing to share in our 'Sharing together journals' and at 'Show and Tell' during different intervals throughout the year. We thank you for your continued support!