



Opal & Moonstone Curriculum Overview

Autumn Term - Topic: 'Me, My Family, My History'

Literacy

We develop a love for reading by using stories across the curriculum. The children will read Beegu, Owl Babies, Elmer, Funny Bones and many other stories relating to our Autumn Term Topic. The children will have at least two stories read to them daily.

Children will be taught:

Reading

- To begin to recognise their name through self-registering in the morning.
- To join in with repetitive refrains from well-known stories.

Writing

- Children will be encouraged to give meaning to marks as they draw and paint.

Your child will receive a book bag when they are settled. Every week, they will borrow a book of their choice from our library.

How can you help? Read to your child every day and help them to recognise their name in the morning.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

During this term, children will be supported to separate happily from their parents and become confident in expressing their needs to the Nursery team. Once they are settled, we will start circle time which will help them to learn each other's name, and build their self-confidence. We will introduce them to the class rules and the children will become familiar with the routines of the school day. Children will be taught how to select and use activities and resources and will also be encouraged to adapt their behaviour to different events and changes. **How can you help?** Explain the class rules to your child.

Mathematics

The children will sing counting songs and rhymes which help to develop their understanding of numbers. We will model counting of objects up to 10 using one to one correspondence and will encourage children to access mathematics and use the appropriate language through their play.

Children will be taught to:

- Recognise numerals of personal significance
- Use mathematical language freely in their play
- Develop their understanding of numbers 0-5 by counting objects, looking at number patterns and different ways of representing number.
- Notice shapes and patterns in pictures and use the language of size
- Show an interest in shapes and make arrangements with objects

How can you help? Count objects to 5. Show your child that 5 can be split into 2 and 3, 4 and 1 etc.

Expressive Art & Design

The children will learn a wide variety of songs and rhymes associated with our school topic, friends, class routine, ourselves and simple nursery rhymes. We will teach them how to make sounds using simple instruments. Sensory experiences will be set up to encourage your children to explore textures and colours. Nursery children will practise "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" and will sing it in our Christmas Nativity. There will also be a Christmas craft event where you can join us in creative activities at school. **How can you help?** Show your child how to use a glue stick and scissors.

Communication & Language

The children will be encouraged, through play, to express themselves verbally. They will experience story time at least twice a day to improve both their listening and concentration skills and English vocabulary. Using our class 'feelings bear' the children will begin to verbalise their feelings. Through circle times the children will be encouraged to listen to each other and take turns in conversation. Through the topic of 'Me, My Family, My History' the children will speak about their families and why they feel special. They will be taught simple concepts and begin to follow simple instructions. **How can you help?** Ask your child to speak about their school day and model speaking about yours.

Understanding the World

Using the book "Beegu" as a stimulus, children will be encouraged to share their families' routines and we will provide lots of props such as puppets and dolls to build up children's empathy towards others. We will use lots of visuals to help children's daily transitions. We will be looking at Autumnal changes and we will talk more about the weather using photographs. Becoming little explorers, we will collect leaves and seeds from our outdoor environment and explore them in further detail. The children will be shown simple technological toys and how to operate them. We will explore different festivals and celebrations including birthdays, Diwali and Christmas. **How can you help?** Speak to your child about the Autumn changes seen outside.

Physical

The main focus will be to support the children's independence as they carry out tasks for themselves, such as toileting or washing their hands. Also, through modelling, we will encourage children to understand that toys and equipment need to be used safely. Children will begin to explore the outside climbing equipment and will play outside games to develop their gross motor skills. **How can you help?** Ensure your child can use the toilet, hang their coat up and put their coat on independently.

