

In Expressive Arts and Design the children will be mark making this term using wax crayons, felt tips and chalk. They will be learning how to draw faces through focused observation. In music they will be learning about pulse, rhythm and pitch, working on making high and low sounds.



What can you do? Give your child to opportunity to mark make at home. Sing nursery rhymes and talk about the high and low sounds, clapping your hands to the beat.

In Personal, Social and Emotional Development this term Tadpole class will be developing their self-awareness of what it is to be 'me in my world' They will be thinking about how they behave, their relationships with others, hygiene and there will be a big focus on looking after teeth!



What can you do? Remember your child needs the whole community of adults around them to regulate their emotions. This term can be quite rollercoaster as they settle into new routines and rules! Talk about personal hygiene and why these things are important for their well-being.

A big focus in Early Years is the development of Communication and Language. Our focus will be on speaking in full sentences and on speaking clearly to others. We will be working hard to use new vocabulary introduced through rhymes and stories. We will be looking for children to be listening attentively and respond to what they hear.



What can you do? Sing nursery rhymes as often as you can. Encourage talk at every opportunity! Make sure you have time together where you are really listening and speaking to each other, make sure there is eye contact and switch off phones and ipads. Repeat sentences back to your child so that they can hear mispronounced words etc spoken correctly.

Physical Development looks at your child's physical skills This term is all about developing those core muscles. We will be doing lots of work on shoulders and wrists to get the children ready for writing., as well as learning how to move safely with awareness of others in formal PE sessions.



What can you do? In the garden/park encourage your child run, skip, hop, balance and climb. They should now use safety scissors and cutlery accurately at home. Encourage use of scarves, ribbons to wave around in circles and make patterns or dances. Get digging in the sandpit/soil and using brushes to sweep up leaves/mess outside.

### Autumn Term 1 - Tadpole Class Super stories!

#### Understanding the World



We will be doing lots of work on how families are made up. Are they all the same, how are they different etc. The children will be developing a growing awareness of how they fit within their own family community. What can you do? Talk about your family. Talk about who is oldest/youngest. Get grandparents to share experiences of life as a child in the past. Talk about similarities and differences.



Literacy Along with daily phonic learning the children will be focusing on Nursery rhymes.

What can you do? Sing Nursery rhymes together. Hear your child read every day, and read to them too. Provide brushes, pots of water to 'paint' outside, make playdough together, write messages to each other (these can just be symbols). Research shows that the more parents read to their children, the more their own skills of reading, speaking and listening and writing develop.



In Maths your child will be developing a deep understanding of number to 5 this term. They will be learning all about 2 and 3D shape too.



What can you do? Read number books, sing number rhymes. Count stairs, make patterns, ask questions like "how many more forks do we need for tea?" We will be doing A LOT of 'noticing', spotting 1, 2 and 3 objects. I will send home some ideas for you to help your child as the term progresses.