COMMUNCATION & LANGUAGE

Listening, attention and understanding

- Selecting familiar objects by name
- Enjoying listening to action rhymes
- Understanding simple sentences.

Learning this vocabulary:

- O Rocket, plane, helicopter, bird,
- Light, dark, day, night, shadow, star, moon, sun, cloud, planet.
- Colours: purple, orange, silver, gold
- Feelings: 'excited'. 'scared'.
- Prepositions: 'on top', 'in front', behind'.

Snack Time skills:

Learning 'please' and 'thankyou'

Speaking

- Using 2-3 words to respond & communicate with others.
- Using words 'happy' and 'sad'.
- Using words 'on' 'up', 'down'.

Snack time skills:

O Asking for eg 'milk', 'water', apple', 'banana', 'cup', 'plate'.

PERSONAL SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL

Self-regulation

- Feeling happy and content at nursery
- Choosing activities I like and that interest me.

Managing self

- Putting my coat on with help.
- Taking off my shoes & putting on wellies with help.
- Hanging my things on my peg when I come back indoors.
- Learning that things need to be shared
- Cooperating with daily routines eg tidying up & all together time.

Snack time: skills

Leaening 'Table' manners and behaviour

Building relationships

- Playing cooperatively with a teacher.
- Showing interest in others' play and starting to join in.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

'My Body Can' skills (gross motor)

- Pulling myself up on the climbing ramp & chain ladder with help.
- Balancing & moving on the wobbly bridge.
- Steering when riding on trikes & cars.

Flipper-Flappers Skills:

 Holding arms out wide 'to the side', 'in front' and crossing 'from side to side'.

'Clever Finger' skills (fine motor)

 Squeezing tweezers & pegs, turning pages in books.

Sand: Digging & filling.

Dough:

- Squeezing & pinching & rolling
- Cutting with a knife and fork.

Threading:

Using thicker threads/stiff-ended threads.

Pre-scissor skills:

Squeezing trainer scissors to snip

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LITERACY

Reading & Comprehension skills

Enjoying Poems and Nursery Rhymes.

Sharing these stories:

- The Witch's Kitchen
- Incy Wincey Spider
- Goldilocks & the Three Bears
- Whatever Next
- One Snowy Night
- Stickman
- Aliens Love Underpants
- The Christmas Story

And non-fiction books about:

Fire-fighters and Space!

Writing & Mark-making skills

Using my fingers to 'paint' marks on the touchscreen & begin to give these meaning.

Using a palmer grip & chosen hand to:

- Paint with brushes
- Draw lines and circles with chalks, crayons, pencils and pens
- Drawing in my Brunel Busy Book with a teacher.

CHARACTRISTICS OF EFFECTIVE LEARNING

Playing and Exploring

- Making choices by exploring with different resources.
- Acting out my experiences in play & beginning to take on a role.
- Initiating activities
- Showing a 'can do' attitude

Active Learning

- Maintaining focus on my activity for a while.
- Keeping on trying when things aren't easy for me.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS & DESIGN

Creating with materials

- I wonder if colours can be 'warm' or 'hot?
- Using a glue stick and glue spreader
- Printing with sponges.
- Making Stickmen
- Exploring LS Lowry-style paintings.

Being imaginative and expressive

- Giving my painted lines & shapes a meaning eg 'fireworks' or 'this is Mummy'.
- Pretending to be witches,

Musical Sounds & Moving to Music:

- Exploring loud & guiet sounds.
- Moving my body to action songs.
- Copying body movements.
- Beginning to copy rhythms using' body percussion' or claves.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

I wonder:

Past and present:

- What 'old' and 'a long time ago' means.
- What do old teddy bears look like?

People, culture and communities:

- Enjoying pictures and stories about myself and others.
- Learning that some people celebrate different special times.

Learning about 'real life superheroes':

Fire-fighters

The natural world

Learning about Autumn:

- What is the weather like?
- What clothes are good to wear?
- What is happening to the trees?

Learning about 'dark' and 'light' and fire.

O What gets hot & what burns?

Learning about Space

What is in the sky & what can fly?

MATHEMATICS

Number and numerical patterns:

- Joining in counting rhymes 1-5
- O Making '3' and '4'

Snack time skills:

- Adding 'one more'.
- Counting 2
- Comparing 'big' and 'little'

Shape, space and measures:

- Sorting by size eg bears & bowls, pine cones & stones.
- Filling and emptying jars and bottles

Puzzles:

Fitting pieces into inset puzzles.

Construction with support:

- Large-scale rockets, aircraft & vehicles.
- Small-scale models with magnetic construction, Duplo & Sticklebricks.