

# Curriculum Booklet

## Nursery – Summer 2026

### English



During the Summer term in Nursery, the children will engage with a range of exciting literacy activities to develop their early reading and writing skills. They will take part in discussing their favourite part of the story, re-enact them in play, and identify key characters. Through phonics sessions, they will sing the school's phonics songs with increasing independence, recognise most of the taught sounds, and begin spotting these sounds in simple CVC words. Children will read labels, signs, and instructions in their play, supported by pictures and symbols. They will give meaning to the marks when drawing, writing, painting, or using digital tools. Children will also practise writing their names, complete pre-writing shapes, and form recognisable letters and numbers using visual examples.

### Maths

During the summer term, the children in Nursery will build on their mathematical knowledge through practical, hands-on activities. They will explore the concept of "more" and "less" and practise using it correctly in everyday contexts. Children will learn to separate groups of objects in different ways while recognising that the total remains the same. They will enjoy counting from 0 to 10 and use 1:1 correspondence to count up to five accurately. They will be exploring how to sort and match by two variables, such as colour and size, and identify similarities and differences. They will also create and correct simple AB patterns.



### Understanding of the World



The children in Nursery will develop their understanding of the world through a range of engaging activities. They will talk about their experiences and begin using past tense language, such as "I went." They will explore the idea of past and present by sorting toys from different time periods and recalling events like school tours. They will learn about important people in their community, including the headteacher, the local librarian or the doctor. The children will be encouraged to show respect and acceptance towards different religions, cultures, and traditions. As the seasons change, they will observe how nature is affected and describe seasonal characteristics. They will also learn to identify animals and sort them based on their habitats.

## Expressive Arts and Design



Children will express themselves creatively through art, music, and movement. They will use a variety of materials to imitate modelled art and create self-portraits, identifying their own skin tone, hair, and eye colour. They will make imaginative choices in movement, sound, colour, and materials to support their ideas. Children will also enjoy participating in dancing, ring games, and other activities that encourage expression through physical movement.

## Communication and Language

During the summer term, the Nursery children will continue to develop their communication and language skills through conversations, stories, and play. They will start to show increased listening and attention skills for a longer period of time while carrying out tasks and some will start to show early signs of two-channelled attention. Children will respond to simple open questions using words and phrases, and begin speaking in full sentences. They will ask and answer questions using "who," "what," "when," and "how," showing curiosity about the world around them. Through storytelling and discussion, they will use talk to sequence events and explain why things happen..



PSED

As we move into the summer term, they will continue to develop their personal, social, and emotional understanding through play and everyday routines. They will become more aware of fairness and learn how to manage conflicts calmly, often seeking adult support when needed. Children will explore and name a variety of emotions, including pride and embarrassment, while deepening their awareness of how they are similar to or different from others. Their sense of belonging will grow as they take part in classroom and community life with more confidence. They'll show increased independence by asking for help, trying new things, and initiating games with others. Strong friendships will form as they play alongside peers and talk about important people in their lives beyond school.



## Physical Development

Throughout the summer term in Nursery, children will continue to refine their physical development through both indoor and outdoor activities. They will practise climbing, balancing, and moving with coordination, developing strength and control as they navigate equipment and jump safely. Running games will support their spatial awareness and ability to adjust speed and direction. Children will also explore how exercise supports a healthy body and begin to talk about its benefits. Fine motor skills will progress as they confidently use one-handed tools like scissors, paintbrushes, and pencils with a comfortable grip. They'll learn to choose the right tools for specific tasks, showing increasing control and purpose in their movements.



