



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Nursery Newsletter: Summer 2, 2024

Welcome back for our last half term in Nursery! As we build up to the Summer break we are hoping for some lovely weather to enjoy our outside area. Our topic this half term is **'The River'** where the children will focus on different outside areas and environments. This topic includes stories, poems, some great cooking and science experiments! We can't wait to finish off with a bang after a wonderful year of experiences.

Communication & Language: Over the next half term we will be focussing on sentence structure and using sentences of 4-6 words. We will work on describing different environments and introduce a variety of different vocabulary. When cooking and completing science experiments we will work on predicting what will happen next using full sentences and explaining step by step what to do next. In the classroom there will be lots of small worlds set up to show a variety of environments including rivers, forests, mountains and the sea. The children can use these to retell the stories they have heard and create their own journeys throughout these areas using language they have learnt.

Personal, Social and Emotional: During the final half term of Nursery we will begin talking about moving to Reception and preparing the children for the change. We will do visits to the new environment and talk about what we are excited about and what we might be worried about. During our free flow play we will also be working on building friendships and resolving conflicts. Giving the children strategies to implement when issues arise with other children. We will be supporting them with this and hope it helps them maintain friendships into reception but also be confident to make new ones.

Physical Development: As the weather hopefully improves this term we will be doing a lot of play outside. We will be setting up obstacle courses for the children to negotiate, working on a variety of skills e.g. balancing, crawling and jumping. When inside we will continue to work on forming the letters of their names and also drawing skills. We will also be looking at using lines and shapes to create pictures and combining different shapes when working independently.

Literacy: This half term, we will be looking at a variety of texts focussed around one main book called 'The River' by Patricia Hegarty. The book follows the journey of a fish through a variety of different environments whilst it goes down the river. These areas include snowy mountains, a forest and the sea. We will make our own fish which we will take on the journey through the environments and the texts. As we finish off the term we will be cementing the children's sound awareness as we finish off our one sound a week. We will focus on the identification of different sounds at the beginning of words and build their confidence in the oral blending of words. We will set up lots of activities in our provision to encourage sound awareness and identification. The sounds we will be looking at this term are z and qu, we will then recap the sounds from throughout the year.

Mathematics: In the last half of the summer term we will be covering a variety of topics within maths. We will be looking at mathematical language around capacity and weight when working practically in the inside and outside areas. When working with numbers we will be using our knowledge to solve real life problems and use a variety of ways to represent 1-5. We will also be looking at shapes and how we can select a shape appropriately for drawing or building.

Understanding the World: When using the book 'The River' we will be exploring different environments, the animals that live there and the differences between them. We will be talking about why animals live in different places and begin to compare what is the same and what is different between them. Throughout the half term we will also be doing a variety of cooking activities and talk about changes that happen to food when things are cooked.

Expressive Arts and Design: As we go through this half term we will be creating a variety of art activities related to each environment in the books and explore the differences between them. We will also be using natural materials to create environment scenes and work in teams to complete large scale projects. When creating we will be encouraging the children to build on their own ideas, use a variety of resources and improve their work as they go.

The Nursery Team

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Dates for your diary	
Whitehorse Manor Infants School	
Tuesday 2nd July	Errol's Garden workshop visitor