

Autumn 1 - Magnificent Me!

Communication and Language	Personal, Social, and Emotional Development	Physical Development	
Children will develop their communication and language skills through nursery rhymes, familiar stories, songs, conversations and play. They will be encouraged to join in with stories and rhymes, talk about what is special to them and begin to communicate their wants, needs and ideas using words and gestures. Adults will model ambitious language and introduce new vocabulary to support children's developing confidence as communicators.	Throughout Autumn 1, children will focus on settling into nursery and developing a positive sense of themselves through the theme Magnificent Me! They will be supported to recognise and talk about their feelings, develop an understanding of gentle hands and positive behaviour, recognise what makes them special and begin to explore the importance of families and relationships.	Children will develop both their gross and fine motor skills through weekly PE, outdoor play, daily Funky Fingers activities and carefully planned enhancements. They will explore small construction materials, use large mark-making tools, practise snipping with scissors, threading and developing greater control when making lines, circles and other shapes.	
Literacy	Mathematics	Understanding the world	Expressive arts and design
Children will develop early literacy skills through daily stories, phonics and rhyme activities. They will explore mark making using a range of tools, listen and respond to stories, join in with repeated refrains and nursery rhymes, and begin to talk about themselves, their experiences and the differences between people.	Children will develop their early mathematical understanding through daily maths inputs, stories, songs and enhanced provision. They will explore mathematical concepts through practical, playful experiences, using objects, talk and actions to develop their understanding of number, quantity, shape, space and pattern.	Children will begin to explore themselves and the world around them. They will learn about people who help us in the local community, share family photographs, celebrate different backgrounds and languages, and talk about their own lives and communities. Children will also begin to explore maps of Houghton Regis, helping them to develop an awareness of their local environment.	Children will be encouraged to express themselves creatively through a range of materials and experiences. They will explore mark-making resources, create self-portraits and experiment with building materials. Children will also develop their imagination through singing familiar rhymes and songs, exploring sounds and music, moving and dancing, and engaging in simple pretend play.