



Nursery

MANILA'S



Useful Information



Spring 1

Theme: Toys



This half term our topic is Toys.

We will be:

- We will explore how toys are made and have the opportunity to create our own toy
- Reading books about toys, e.g. Kipper's toy box and Knuffle bunny.
- We will explore the similarities, differences and changes in materials.
- Children will be encouraged to talk about models they have made or looked at, developing their

Literacy:



This term we will:

- Begin to understand that print can have different purposes
- Count or clap syllables in a word
- Use some of their print and letter knowledge in their early writing. For example: writing a pretend shopping list that starts at the top of the page; write 'm' for mummy.

Phonics:



In Nursery, we are learning Phonic Phase 1.

This includes;

- Aural discrimination practice, recognising sounds
- Listening to environmental sounds
- Identify rhythm, rhyme, alliteration and be able to orally blend and segment simple words.
- Talking about story line, words, sounds, playing with sounds.

Maths:



This half term we will be focusing on:

- Counting by saying one number for each item in order.
- Make comparisons between objects relating to size, length, weight and capacity.
- Know that when the last number counted in a set of objects tells you the 'total'.

We will strengthen these topics by learning songs about counting and shapes.

Physical Development (PD):



This term we will be:

- Collaborating with others to manage large items, such as moving a long plank safely, carrying large hollow blocks.
- Increasingly able to use and remember sequences and patterns of movements which are related to music and rhythm.
- Show a preference for a dominant hand.
- Continue to develop their movement, balancing, riding (scooters, trikes and bikes) and ball skills.

Understanding the World (UW):



This half term we will be:

- exploring collections of materials with similar and/or different properties.
- Floating and sinking experiences.
- Explore and talk about different forces they can feel.
- Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice.

Other Areas of Learning



Communication and Language:

This term we will begin to:

- Understand 'why' questions, like: "Why do you think the caterpillar got so fat?"
- Develop their communication, but may continue to have problems with irregular tenses and plurals, such as 'runned' for 'ran', 'swimmed' for 'swam'.
- Sing a large repertoire of songs.

Home Learning:

We encourage our parents to read to their child for at least 15 minutes every day. We will give you a storybook to read to your child each week. Please return this book to be changed on Fridays.



Core Text:

Our core text book this term is The Kipper's Toy box by Mick Inkpen



Language of the Half Term:

Our language of the half term is Farsi.

2.9% of our families speak Farsi



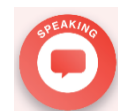
Poem of the Half Term:

Our poem this half term is Pancakes.
(Poetry Basket)



Skills Builder:

This half term, we will be focusing on: **SPEAKING** and **PROBLEM SOLVING**



Rights Respecting:

This half term we will focus on the **Right to Play** (Article 31)



Key Dates:

- 6th January 2026 - Start of Spring term
- 12th January - School uniform recycling
- 21st January - Year 3 class trip
- 30th January - Birthday Bash
- 4th February - Wellington (Y3) class trip
- 9th February - Year 1 class trip
- 10th February - Year 1 class trip
- 10th February - Year 2 Class trip
- 13th February - End of Spring Term 1
- 16th - 20th February 2026 - HALF TERM
- 23rd February - New term starts

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