

Communication and Language

Enjoy listening to longer stories and remember much of what happens.

Pay attention to more than one thing at a time

Use a wider range of vocabulary.

Understand a question or instruction that has two parts, such as "Get your coat and wait at the door".

Understand 'why' questions, like: "Why do you think the caterpillar got so fat?"

Sing a large repertoire of songs.

Know many rhymes, be able to talk about familiar books, and be able to tell a long story.

Use longer sentences of four to six words.

Be able to express a point of view and to debate when they disagree with an adult or a friend, using words as well as actions.

Start a conversation with an adult or a friend and continue it for many turns.

Use talk to organise themselves and their play: "Let's go on a bus... you sit there... I'll be the driver."

Literacy

Understand the five key concepts about print: - print has meaning - print can have different purposes - we read English text from left to right and from top to bottom - the names of the different parts of a book - page sequencing.

Develop their phonological awareness, so that they can: - spot and suggest rhymes - count or clap syllables in a word - recognise words with the same initial sound, such as money and mother

Engage in extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary.

Use some of their print and letter knowledge in their early writing.

Write some or all of their name.

Write some letters accurately.

Physical Development

Continue to develop their movement, balancing, riding (scooters, trikes and bikes) and ball skills.

Skip, hop, stand on one leg and hold a pose for a game like musical statues.

Use large-muscle movements to wave flags and streamers, paint and make marks.

Start taking part in some group activities which they make up for themselves, or in teams.

Increasingly able to use and remember sequences and patterns of movements which are related to music and rhythm.

Choose the right resources to carry out their own plan.

Collaborate with others to manage large items.

Use one-handed tools and equipment, for example, making snips in paper with scissors.

Use a comfortable grip with good control when holding pens and pencils.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Select and use activities and resources, with help when needed.

Develop their sense of responsibility and membership of a community.

Become more outgoing with unfamiliar people, in the safe context of their setting.

Show more confidence in new social situations.

Play with one or more other children, extending and elaborating play ideas.

Find solutions to conflicts and rivalries.

Increasingly follow rules, understanding why they are important.

Develop appropriate ways of being assertive.

Talk with others to solve conflicts.

Talk about their feelings using words like 'happy', 'sad', 'angry' or 'worried'.

Understand gradually how others might be feeling.

Be increasingly independent in meeting their own care needs, e.g. using the toilet, washing and drying their hands thoroughly.

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Activities

Are eggs alive? Nursery

Mathematics

Develop fast recognition of up to 3 objects, without having to count them individually ('subitising').

Recite numbers past 5.

Say one number for each item in order: 1,2,3,4,5.

Know that the last number reached when counting a small set of objects tells you how many there are in total ('cardinal principle').

Show 'finger numbers' up to 5.

Link numerals and amounts: for example, showing the right number of objects to match the numeral, up to 5.

Experiment with their own symbols and marks as well as numerals.

Solve real world mathematical problems with numbers up to 5.

Compare quantities using language: 'more than', 'fewer than'.

Describe a familiar route.

Understand position through words alone

Discuss routes and locations, using words like 'in front of' and 'behind'.

Engage: Let's Crack an Egg & Celebrate Pancake Day.

Express: Nursery Spring Spectacular!

Understanding the World

Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.

Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties.

Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary.

Begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's history.

Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal.

Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.

Expressive Arts and Design

Take part in simple pretend play, using an object to represent something else even though they are not similar.

Begin to develop complex stories using small world equipment like animal sets, dolls and dolls houses, etc.

Make imaginative and complex 'small worlds' with blocks and construction kits, such as a city with different buildings and a park.

Explore different materials freely, to develop their ideas about how to use them and what to make.

Create closed shapes with continuous lines, and begin to use these shapes to represent objects. • Draw with increasing complexity and detail, such as representing a face with a circle and including details.

Explore colour and colour-mixing.

Listen with increased attention to sounds.

Respond to what they have heard, expressing their thoughts and feelings.

Remember and sing entire songs.

Create their own songs, or improvise a song around one they know.

Play instruments with increasing control to express their feelings and ideas.