



Nursery Topic Overview. Spring 1.

Parent Information.

Week 1, 2 & 3 - People Who Help Us



We will be learning about people who help us in our community. What do they do to make our lives better, look after us, help us? We will learn about doctors, firefighters, paramedics, dentists, nurses, police, people who work in a shop, post office, crossing guards, etc. We will read stories about people who help us, build emergency vehicles (from junk modelling and mobilo) and take part in an experiment to see how far our emergency vehicles will travel on different surfaces. We will make different crafts, e.g. fingerprint people and paper plate police cars.

This is just a rough overview. There are ideas of what we can do linking to each mini topic. The tasks aim to cover all areas of the EYFS.

We are flexible in our days and topics and aim to follow children's interests and learning needs.

Literacy and maths may be taught discretely as well as topical. We will follow RWI phonics when appropriate, share as many stories and rhymes as possible in a day, make opportunities for maths and counting and lots of physical play in the school hall and outdoors.

Communication and language and PSE will be an integral part of the day whether it's through our learning environment, carpet time, group time or one to one.

Week 4 & 5 - Forces and Materials

We will be learning about some of the different forces around us, e.g. push/pull/gravity. We will be exploring various things like clay and playdough and seeing what happens when we push/pull it. We will take part in some science experiments, such as seeing if we can change the shape of an object by pushing or pulling it. We will also learn about different materials and learning some new vocabulary, e.g. hard, soft, rough, smooth. We will sort different materials and make some different models by junk modelling. There will be lots of opportunities to explore different materials and textures. We will read stories, including 'The Enormous Turnip'.

Week 6 - Superheroes



We will be reading different books about superheroes, including 'Supertato'. We will be designing and making our own 'Supertato' using potatoes and using words to describe him. We will make different crafts to practise our skills, such as joining materials in different ways and practising using and holding scissors correctly. We will make lolly stick superheroes, shields, masks and we will do some spider web painting. We will save the superheroes in an icy superhero rescue and we will take part in an ice experiment, finding ways of making the ice melt quickly.

Week 7 - Dinosaurs



We will read different books about dinosaurs, e.g. 'Harry's bucketful of dinosaurs' and '10 Little Dinosaurs'. We will create different pieces of artwork, e.g. dinosaur footprints and erupting volcano art. We will practise moving like dinosaurs in different ways, by taking part in 'The Dinosaur Stomp' and doing some dinosaur yoga. We will make dinosaur caves outside and learn the names of some different dinosaurs!