



Nursery

Learning Opportunities: Understanding the World

How does this area of learning link within the EYFS/ National Curriculum?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PSE• PD• Communication & Language• Literacy | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Science• D&T• Art• Maths |
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Language Development

- I can share the...
- Together we could build...
- I can use my hands to...
- I need to try that again...

Next Step Prompt Questions

- How does a plant grow? What happens to a bulb or seed? Can they use one-handed tools and equipment?
- What happens to animals in winter?
- What is the weather like now?
- Why do leaves change colour? Why do trees lose their leaves?
- Can they use materials safely and with increasing control?
- Does the child experiment with blocks, colours and marks?
- Do they sort the pieces by shape, colour or size?
- Can they plan their work?
- Can they use simple tools and techniques with increasing independence?

Before Nursery, I have had the opportunity to...

- Explore a range of resources and materials in a variety of settings e.g. outdoors and indoors
- Develop my own ideas through exploration
- Play alongside adults and peers sharing resources

Key Vocabulary

Family
Friends
Birthday
Doctor
Healthy
Sort
Material
Seasons
Autumn
Spring
Summer
Winter

Key Learning

Change: Understanding why and how things have changed over time.

- ✓ Explore how things work
- ✓ Explore natural materials, indoors and outdoors to develop their ideas about how to use them
- ✓ Explore and respond to different natural phenomena indoors and on trips
- ✓ Make connections between the features of their family and other families
- ✓ Notice differences between people, animals and living things

Environment Checklist

- ✓ A range of resources e.g. *blocks, duplo, mobile*
- ✓ Images of living things (trees, plants, animals, people)
- ✓ Clipboards. Chalkboards, Mark making resources
- ✓ Cameras/ iPads (children use independently to document work)

Book Suggestions

- Range of non-fiction texts
- Egg Day - Animal Babies
- Ten Seeds – Plant Cycles
- Mr Grumpy's Motor Car – Movement & Forces
- One Year with Kipper (seasons)
- The Gruffalo (Habitats)
- Jack and the Beanstalk (plants)

