



Kidbrooke Park Primary School Nursery Learning Overview Autumn 1 – Marvellous Me



Welcome to Nursery

A warm welcome to all families and Nursery children! We hope you have had a restful Summer and enjoyed the sunshine, ready to start your learning journey with us at school. We have new staff in Nursery this year!

This term, our priorities are getting to know and understand your child: their individual interests, personalities, learning styles and unique needs.

We use a mixture of play, child-led and adult-guided learning to accurately assess children and build learning around their drivers.

Starting Nursery is a huge change for tiny children and we will do our utmost to make sure they have a positive and nurturing experience.

Autumn 1 Learning Overview

Our EYFS topic is **Marvellous Me** – a celebration of what makes each child unique and special. We will explore:

- Themselves – learning about their names, ages, likes and dislikes and what makes them unique.
- Their bodies and senses – identifying body parts, exploring the five senses, and understanding how their bodies grow and change.
- Feelings and behaviour – recognising and naming emotions, learning how to express them appropriately and developing friendships and social skills.
- Families and homes – sharing information about who is in their family, where they live and what makes their home special.
- Our local area – London – discovering key features of London, learning about landmarks, and beginning to understand their place in the world.

The Prime Areas of Learning

Communication and Language

When starting Nursery, children learn to use longer sentences, develop their range of



vocabulary and start to follow more complex instructions. We will support them in using language to build conversations, express themselves more fully and play efficiently with their peers. Our EYFS team use Widgit symbols with all learners to support listening, attention, understanding and emotional regulation.

Personal, Social and Emotional

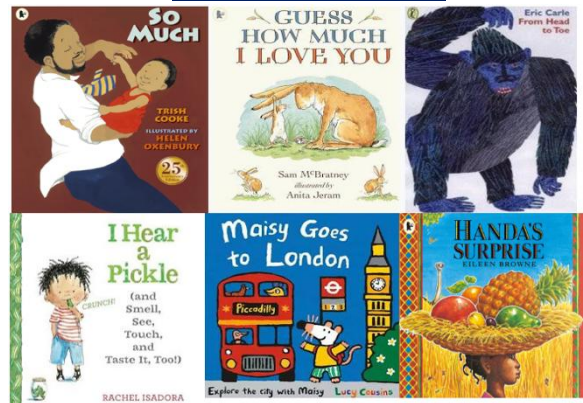


Our school uses the Zones of Regulation. Alongside our focus on self-esteem, play skills, independence and routines, children begin learning about the **Green, Red, Yellow** and **Blue** zones. In Nursery, we start with **happy/listening, angry, fizzy** and **sad**.

Physical Development (Fine and Gross Motor Skills)

Our children begin building strong arm and hand muscles in preparation for writing (and growing). We start with circles, then spirals and use our range of fine motor resources: play-doh tools, peg boards, tweezers and sorting pots to name a few...Children learn to dance and stretch, in addition to our outdoor learning.

Nursery's Special Books



We have picked some very special books and songs to learn over the term! We hope you enjoy them as much we do. Examples of our songs are: 'London Bridge is Falling Down', 'This is the Way We' and 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes'.

Maths

We use White Rose Maths. We start with matching objects and pictures, before moving to identifying sets. Once secure, we will move to sorting objects by type and explore all sorts of sorting techniques. Language is at the heart of everything we do – we will help children develop their mathematician vocabulary.

Outdoor Learning

Our outdoor learning covers our curriculum in a different way. We will use our Mud Station to explore messy play and learn about seasonal changes, plants and minibeasts. In addition, we will be counting natural objects and honing our maths and tidying skills by stacking our pots and pans in order – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5! Gross motor skills flourish through child-led play: pushing and rolling tyres (fast, slow, in different patterns, navigating obstacles), large scale construction, big art and mark making with chalks, paints and water. Our water area and horticulture area are taking shape and we aim to involve the children as much as possible in the development of our outdoor area.

A message from the Nursery Team

- Please make sure all items are clearly named – water bottles, coats, hats and bags. Please make sure your child has a change of underwear and nappies if needed. We encourage all children to be toilet trained on starting school.
- Please make sure children have messy play clothes e.g. lightweight waterproof. We provide aprons, but the nature of children's play means wonderful mess will occur during learning.
- Parent partnership is incredibly important to us. Our door is always open for support, please do share any updates, interests or developments with the Nursery team. This will ensure we provide the best possible care and learning experience for your child.

-Mrs Gardner and the Nursery Team

