

Communication and Language

Speak to your child about the Celebrations you value at home and the different Celebrations other cultures value. Try to introduce new words in the context of play and activities. Use a lot of statements and fewer questions and when you do ask a question, use an open question with many possible answers. Show interest in the words children use to communicate and help them to expand on what they originally say to make a more complex sentence.

Physical Development

Practitioners will encourage children to run skilfully, adjusting speed and direction to avoid obstacles.

They will do this through a variety of activities both indoors and outdoors.

Practitioners will encourage children to develop their gross and fine motor skills through a variety of activities such as ball games and malleable activities.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our topic this half term will be **Celebrations**. Having celebrated the festivals of Eid and Diwali in Autumn 1 we will support children in understanding the reasons for these celebrations. We will learn about other celebrations such as birthdays and Christmas.

Practitioners will encourage children to select and use activities independently, extending and elaborating play ideas.

It is important that children continue to be encouraged at home to actively take part in activities that require collaboration, such as ring games, turn taking and sharing.

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Curriculum Information

Autumn
2015

Nursery



Literacy

Encourage children to use rich language by modelling key words and using key books.

The following key books will be shared with the children during this topic: *Spot's birthday night*, *On this Special night*, *Kipper's birthday*, *Stick Man*, *Bunny Cakes*, *Christmas*.

Staff will also be developing children's speaking and listening skills and getting them attuned to the sounds around them so they are ready to begin developing oral blending and segmenting skills.

At Devonshire Hill, we strive to ensure our children are prepared for the world in which they will grow up to live in.

We teach our children:

*Responsibility
Initiative
Curiosity
Optimism*

*Independence
Generosity
Perseverance
Social Intelligence*

Mathematics

Children will have daily opportunities to count and play with numbers, for example singing number rhymes. Children will realise that not only objects, but anything can be counted including steps, claps and jumps. Children will be encouraged to count in different ways, for example 5 claps, 5 jumps, 5 tummy rubs, 5 clicks.

Children will begin to show interest in shape and space through playing with shapes, making arrangements with objects and exploring patterns.



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Expressive Art and Design

Children will be encouraged to use movements to express their feelings and they will learn more songs.

Children will be encouraged to engage in imaginative role-play based on their own first-hand experiences and you could help by supporting them to carry on with this at home.

Understanding the World

Children will learn what makes them unique and talk about some of the similarities and differences in relation to friends or family.

Encourage your child to talk about special times or events in your own family.