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Kerr Mackie Primary School Nursery
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Term: Autumn 1 Topic: What is important to me?

We would like to welcome all of our Nursery pupils and their families to Kerr Mackie Primary School.

Personal, Social & Emotional

This half term we will be helping children to settle into the Nursery environment. We will be supporting children to make positive relationships with staff and other children. We will also be encouraging children to become more independent and to explore their surroundings.

Each Monday we will share our weekend 'news' in groups. The children will learn to take turns sharing their news and will begin to develop their confidence in talking in a small group and listening to other children. You can help by talking to your child before school on a Monday about your weekend activities. Help your child to decide what they will share with the other children and encourage them to speak clearly. Also please let us know if there has been a special event in your family that your child would like to share. This will help them become more confident when telling their news.



Communication, Language & Literacy

This half term we will be exploring 'What is important to me?' Learning about ourselves, our families and people that help us.

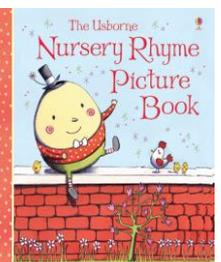
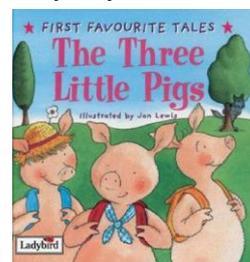
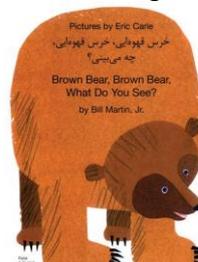
The children will start to develop their confidence in talking to others and will be encouraged to build up imaginative role plays in the home and doctor role play areas. We will be sharing things we like and dislike and finding out about our families.

We would like to share some photographs of our Nursery children and their families. Please send in a family photograph that we can display in nursery.

Children will begin to learn stories using an approach called 'Talk for Writing'. Each day they will retell a story using actions.

The stories which will be introduced this half term are:

'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?' and *'The 3 Little Pigs'*. We will also be focusing on learning nursery rhymes.



Children will be given opportunities to develop their writing skills for different purposes both inside and outside.

In Phonics we will begin using letters and Sounds, a structured Phonics Programme. The children will practise their listening skills. They will learn to discriminate between different sounds and will explore making sounds.

Mathematics

Much of our learning in maths is through songs, rhymes and games. This half term in Number we will be learning to:

- Recite numbers in order to 10 and beyond.
- Count a small group of objects, pointing carefully at each one.
- Select a small number of objects when asked.
- Notice numbers in the environment.

The children will be taught that anything can be counted including claps, jumps etc.

There will also be lots of opportunities to make and explore pattern and shape. We will be collecting natural materials and using these to make patterns both inside and outside.



Understanding the World

We will be finding out about our bodies and our five senses. We will explore the senses of sight, sound, smell, hearing and touch in the investigation area and in the outdoor environment. We will also be learning more about where we live and talking about the people that are important to us.

In technology we will be using the interactive whiteboard to access different games and stories. We will make our own pictures using the Paint program.



Expressive Arts and Design

Children will be encouraged to use different materials and will be learning to cut and join materials to make pictures and models.

The children will also be making a special 'All about me box'. The boxes will be used to help your child talk to others about their families and their favourite things. We will share more information about how you can help with these in the next 2 weeks.

Physical Development

Children will be encouraged to move freely and with confidence in a range of ways. To negotiate space successfully and travel around, under, over and through by balancing and climbing on the equipment outside.

The children will be encouraged to become more independent in putting their coat on. We will encourage them to put their arms into the sleeves, then we will start the zip off for them or support them with their buttons. Please encourage your child to put on their own coat and dress themselves.

Nursery Routines

Morning Nursery sessions

Doors open at 8:45am and will be closed at 9:00am. Any children arriving after this time will need to be signed in at the School Office. At the end of the morning session, doors are opened at 11:35am and all children must be picked up promptly by 11:45am.

Afternoon Nursery sessions

Doors open at 12:15pm and will be closed at 12:30pm. Any children arriving after this time will need to be signed in at the School Office. At the end of the session doors are opened at 3:05pm and all children must be picked up promptly by 3:15pm.

Full day Nursery sessions

Doors open at 8:45am and will be closed at 9:00am. Any children arriving after this time will need to be signed in at the School Office. At the end of the session doors are opened at 3:05pm and all children must be picked up promptly by 3:15pm.

To encourage reading and the enjoyment of stories the Nursery team will be starting a library. Every Wednesday (for children attending Monday- Wednesday) or Friday children can choose a book to take home. The books are stored in the Nursery entrance and can be returned and changed each Friday.

As we recognise the importance of outdoor learning, children will spend part of most days outside (whatever the weather). It is therefore **very important that children come to school in a warm coat**. It is also recommended that children keep wellington boots in school, to use on rainy days. Please label coats and wellington boots. In case of wet clothing, please can all children have a bag of spare clothes (including pants and socks) on their peg each day.

Over the first few weeks of term we will be getting to know your child and finding out more about what they can already do. This will help us plan for your child's next steps in their learning. Please come and talk to us and tell us about your child's interests and how your child is learning and developing at home.

Thank you for your support. Please come and talk to the Nursery staff if you have any questions.

The Nursery Team – Mrs Johnson and Miss Mahmood