



# Little Sparks Nursery Curriculum Map - Autumn 1

## What makes us unique?



**Rationale:** Through this topic we will be finding out about ourselves and exploring our similarities and differences. This will give us the opportunity to develop our communication and language skills by talking about our likes and dislikes for example, the food we like or dislike as well as listening to others and responding to them.

### Literacy

We will be playing phonics games aimed at developing the children's ability to identify different sounds e.g. instruments or sounds in the home.

The children will be encouraged to talk about the stories we share and to make links with their own families and experiences.

We will be exploring a range of stories and talking about key characters. We hope you will share some of your favourites with us!

### Physical Development

The children will explore different music and be encouraged to move rhythmically, developing awareness of how it changes our mood and the movements we make. We will be playing games to keep them active and to improve key skills such as throwing, running and jumping. The Nursery environment will be set up with many opportunities to mark make inside and outside. The children will be encouraged to develop their gross and fine motor skills through large scale painting and using tweezers to pick up objects.

### Communication and Language

We will be focusing on developing the children's understanding of concepts such as big/little, same/different. They will be asked to label and sort familiar items in the home e.g. a kettle in the kitchen. We will be encouraging the children to develop confidence to 'order' food at snack time.

### Understanding of the World

The children will have the opportunity to explore the Sensory Garden. They will be asked to observe any sounds and changes in the areas, particularly linked to the changing seasons. We will be discussing different types of homes and who lives with us to help understand our similarities and differences.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will talk about our new friends and learn their names and the children will be encouraged to learn/recap our Nursery rules. We will have circle time sessions where we will discuss our feelings and what makes us feel happy, sad, excited or scared. Later on in the topic, we will learn about healthy eating and the importance of being active.

### Maths

The children will be able to explore counting, sorting, colour recognition and patterns through our flexible theme. We will talk about our favourite foods, colours and stories, and make tally charts of our choices.

The children will learn different counting songs such as 'Five Currant Buns' and will be encouraged to count how many friends are at Nursery each day.

### Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be exploring colour and mixing colours. We will be talking about how colours change and the different colours we can see in our environment.

### KASE

Our curriculum is designed to ensure the children build their knowledge whilst having opportunities to develop important attributes like teamwork and empathy. We plan for a clear progression of skills and provide a wealth of experiences to further their engagement and understanding. We therefore call this our KASE curriculum.

### Stories we will be sharing

- The Lion Inside
- Owl Babies
- Dear Zoo
- Monkey Puzzle
- I Don't Want to Wash My Hands