DIXONS ALLERTON ACADEMY

CURRICULUM MAP

AUTUMN 2

Nursery

Communication and Language

This half term, children will develop their listening and speaking skills by responding to questions about recent events, following simple instructions and talking about events that will happen in the future. They will practise using short phrases to interact with others during play and develop their understanding of time. Through our core story, Goodnight Mr Panda, children will discuss and compare bedtime routines, helping them build vocabulary and conversation skills.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term, children will build on their understanding of emotions by talking about how they feel, including emotions such as happiness, love and anger. As they become more familiar with Nursery routines, they will develop responsibility by helping to care for their environment and tidying up alongside their friends. Through our core story, Goodnight Mr Panda, children will also learn about healthy routines, including when to brush their teeth and how to wash their hands independently after using the toilet.

Physical Development

This half term, children will develop their balance and coordination through outdoor learning, practising balancing on one foot and creating obstacle courses using outdoor equipment. Indoors, they will strengthen their fine motor skills through a range of mark-making activities, including using clay to develop finger strength for early writing. We will also continue to promote independence by encouraging children to use the toilet and get ready for outdoor learning by themselves.

Literacy

In Literacy this half term, we will be exploring making our own mark using different methods. These can range from making a mark in the sand tray to using a pen to draw. Once we have made our mark, we will be learning how to give meaning to the marks we have made. It is important that we develop a love of reading so we will spend lots of time sharing books and knowing familiar stories that we can join in with. To begin our phonics journey, children need to be able to hear and identify familiar sounds in the environment, such as a doorbell, a dog bark, birds singing. You can play listening games at home with your children to develop this skill.

Mathematics

This half term, children will take part in a daily Maths Meeting, using songs and rhymes to develop early mathematical understanding. They will learn about the days of the week, weather, shapes and colours, and begin to rote count to 5, learning to count objects accurately by saying one number for each item.

Understanding of the World

This half term, children will explore similarities and differences between themselves and others through discussion and family photographs. They will learn about celebrations such as Remembrance Day and Christmas, investigate pumpkins and seeds as part of their learning about autumn, and explore the Sun, Moon, night and day through our core story. When out and about, encourage your child to look for signs of autumn in the environment.

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term, children will learn how to use the creative areas of the classroom independently and take responsibility for tidying resources away when they have finished. They will explore joining materials using glue and tape, create artwork in the painting area, and experiment with mixing powder paints to make new colours. Children will also develop their curiosity and sensory awareness by creating potions using a range of natural and everyday materials.

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Key Reminders for This Half Term

- As part of our curriculum, we will be learning outside multiple times every week, come rain or shine! Please ensure your child has a pair of wellington boots at school they can use. Please ensure you also send spare clothes in a bag with your child in case they get wet.

- If your child is still in nappies and you would like support with toilet training, please speak to Mrs Wilkinson

- As the weather gets colder and hopefully snowy, please make sure your child has a pair of gloves and a hat.

- **Parents evening night 1- Monday 7th December**
- **Nursery Christmas performance and craft event- Wednesday 9th December**
- **Parents evening night 2- Friday 11th December**
- **Christmas fair- Monday 14th December**
- **The last day of school is Friday 18th December**
- **We come back to school on Monday 4th January**

OUR VALUES

HAPPINESS
We care for each other and enjoy learning together.

INDUSTRY
We work hard, take pride and never give up.

RESPONSIBILITY
We do the right thing and make a positive difference.