



Communication and Language

Attending school full time will help your child's communication skills flourish.

At school we will be learning how to be a good listener both on the carpet and when listening to friends. We will focus on how to speak in a full sentence, and our teachers will model our speech back to us in full sentences. We will practice following 1 and 2 step instructions and begin to respond to what we hear with relevant comments. We will encourage children to extend their speech by answering why/what will happen if.. questions. ...



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

As our journey begins, we will be meeting lots of new people and learning how to form new friendships and share our space with others. We will learn how to come into school and be happy to leave our grown ups at the door. We will learn what good learning looks like in our classroom and how to use the different areas. We will learn about different emotions and how to identify how we are feeling and how we can express our feelings in the right ways. Independence is very important, so we will be learning how to get changed for outdoor learning by ourselves. You can help at home by letting me get dressed for school every day by myself!



Physical Development

Outdoor learning is incredibly important to us at Dixons Allerton. During our outdoor learning we will be exploring our space and learning how to negotiate the space effectively, avoiding obstacles in our way. We will challenge our gross motor skills by using our climbing apparatus and learning how to use our bikes safely.

For our fine motor skills to be ready for mark making and writing, we will practise using the small muscles in our hands by practising fastening our coats, using larger mark making tools and learning how to use scissors.



Literacy

This half term our core story is 'Supertato' and we will join in with the story and begin to understand key parts of the story. We will develop our speaking by explaining what is happening and answering 'who' and 'what' questions.

We will learn a new rhyme every week, as we know that hearing rhyme and rhythm in the spoken word helps us to begin to read. In phonics, we will learn and read the first 16 single letter sounds and practise orally blending CVC words, such as 'c-a-t' cat. We will be doing lots of writing in our play. At this time of the year writing might mean making marks and being able to tell someone what they mean and knowing that writing can communicate meaning. We are also making sure we know how to write our name- please practice this at home with me!



Mathematics

In mathematics, we focus on 5 key skills that we revisit and deepen our understanding of throughout the year. These are classifying, matching, comparing, ordering and pattern.

During our first half term, we will learn how to notice differences between objects and how things can be sorted. We will know how to match equal and unequal amounts up to 3 and use language to compare amounts that are more or less. We will explore patterns and create repeating AB patterns, noticing when there is an error. The skills we learn and practice at the beginning of our reception learning will set the foundation for our future mathematical learning.



Understanding of the World

Learning about the world is key to us being able to make sense of ourselves, our immediate environment and others and how we live our lives. We will begin by looking closely at ourselves and our lives so far. We will discuss similarities and differences between ourselves and others and talk about past events in their own lives. We will learn that we live in Allerton and know what key places are in Allerton. We will start to see some signs of Autumn and notice how our environment begins to change. The religious festival of Diwali will allow us to learn about special events and know that people have their own core beliefs and celebrate in different ways. .



Expressive Arts and Design

Our new classroom is full of opportunities to channel our inner Picasso. We will begin to develop the skills we have learnt at Nursery by using a variety of materials to convey our thoughts and feelings. We will learn the process of mixing powder paints and explore colour through this medium. Some of us may even take to the stage, expressing our imagination by dressing up and singing.

Key Reminders for This Half Term

- Please make sure that all your child's clothes and belongings are labelled with their name. It is hard to locate a jumper that has no name! We have 60 jumpers that are all size 3-4 so please make sure they are labelled!
- It is vital that when your child is dropped off and collected from school that you give your child your full attention. At Dixons Allerton, we expect all parents to have mobile phones away. If a parent is seen talking on the phone, the class teacher will kindly wait for you to finish before dropping off or collecting your child.
- Outdoor learning is very important to us here at Dixons Allerton as it provides children with a vast number of experiences that cannot be replicated indoors. Because of this the children spend half of each day outside come rain or shine. So, it is vital your child is sent to school in their coat each day and that a pair of wellies has been provided for them to keep at school in their cubby hole.

- **The last day of school is Friday 16th October**
- **We come back to school on Monday 2nd November**

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.