

Bowlee Park Community School

Curriculum Newsletter



Autumn 2025

This is the Autumn term curriculum newsletter for **Pre-School**. It sets out what your child will be learning over the term. We hope you find it useful.

Mathematical Development

We will be helping children to develop their sense of number with a daily maths session. Our maths sessions will focus on recognising colours and patterns and matching objects to numbers. Children will also be supported to identify their own mathematical problems based on their own interests using all area of the indoor and outdoor classroom.

Literacy

We will be helping children to develop their reading and writing skills by having a daily story and rhyme sessions this term. Children will take part in "Squiggle into a Wiggle" sessions three times a week, where they will use a range of large movements in preparation for writing.

Throughout the week, we will also complete fine motor activities and 'dough disco' sessions to support children with their physical development.

Our Theme

Our Pre-School curriculum is based on a theme, each half term in Pre-School, there is a change in the theme which is based around high quality texts. The teaching input and all areas of the classroom environment reflect the books in order to engage and enthuse children.

Our theme this half term is: What makes Me, Me!

In this unit, children will learn about learn about our bodies and how they have changed and grown from babies. We will talk about our families and learn about different families. We will create a class charter and introduce the children to their rights as children.

Our theme next half term is: Awesome Autumn and Winter Wonderland

In this unit we will learn about seasonal change and then lead on to a focus on Christmas. Children will learn about the Nativity story and take part in a school Nativity, we will then look at how different families celebrate Christmas and what is important to them.

Communication and Language

You can help your child develop their communication and language skills by talking about the things you see when out and about in the local area - numbers and letters in the environment, road signs, animals, changes in weather and seasons etc.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term we are learning about our body and how we have changed from being a baby. You can help your child to gain more independence in the following ways: by allowing them to dress and undress themselves occasionally and encourage them to use the toilet and wash their hands with greater independence.

Physical Development

Pre-School children access the outdoor area on a daily basis regardless of the weather. Please ensure that children bring a warm coat to school each day. **Please ensure all coats and jumpers have names in them.** Please also ensure your child has a pair of wellies in school (with their name) for times of wet weather.

Understanding the World

Understanding of the world is about how children get to know about other people, the place where they live and about all aspects of the environment. It is broken down into three main areas: Past and present, People, Cultures and communities and the natural world. Our Understanding the World lessons are linked to our topic each half term.

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term in art and design we are focusing on art. The skill will be painting and exploring mixed media. Children will explore colour and shape to create self-portraits. We will then move on to create collages and exploring different materials.

Key Messages

Each day children only need to bring their coat, book bag, filled water bottle and packed lunch if full time. Please do not bring large backpacks. **Please ensure all jumpers and coats are clearly labelled with children's names.**

Reading

Reading plays a huge role in children's development. Please support your child to develop a love of reading by sharing a book for 10 minutes every day at home. Please sign your child logs daily.

P.E.

Pre-School children have PE sessions on Monday. Children do not need to wear a PE kit. We also have daily access to the outdoor area.

Passports

Please complete the activities on your child's Pupil Passport. Remember to send pictures into school to share with the rest of the class. These can be printed or emailed via the school office.

If you would like further information about the school curriculum please look on the school website under 'Key Information' then 'Curriculum'