

**Nursery /Reception****Teaching Focus**

Work effectively within a group, share and take turns. Understand the importance of rules. Develop a growing interest in the world around them and understand what their environment has to offer. Use stories to raise questions about why some things are special. Express their own ideas. Show care and consideration. Experiment with new learning opportunities.

Listen and respond appropriately with growing attention and concentration. Show interest in books and follow stories that are read. Understand that written symbols have meaning and begin to communicate by using words and phrases and short sentences.

Calculate in a variety of ways through games and classroom activities. Add and subtract. Recognise the time of day and know the days of the week. Recognise and use basic coins through role play. Understand the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Collect data from a variety of sources, including ICT.

Use and make simple maps to find where places are. Recognise differences between their own locality and different parts of the world. Observe different forms of transport through the ages. Use an atlas and globe. Begin to identify natural features e.g. rivers, hills, roads, bridges. Identify some animals and plants that live in the outdoor environment e.g. birds. Investigate the changes in the weather. Experiment with colour.

Develop confidence and control of body movements. Develop sensory awareness. Move creatively by using their imagination and own experiences. Link basic actions such as jumping and landing, rolling, and turning and gradually improve their control and use of different shapes, levels and direction within dance and gymnastic lessons. Develop fine manipulative skills.

Mix, shape, arrange and combine materials to create their own images and objects and to express their ideas creatively. Develop their understanding of colour, line, tone, texture.

Sing a range of songs.

Create their own music and songs by experimenting with different ideas.

We would be grateful for your help and co-operation during the term.