

Jolly Pirates Pre-School - Medium term plans

October 2020 - 'Where does it come from?'

Colour: Orange/Brown

Shape: Circle

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Children will have opportunities to:

- Develop independence in regard to self help skills and following our routines.
- Learn to share, turn take and co-operate when playing.
- Learn our 5 rules:
 - Looking eyes, walking feet, listening ears, inside voices and helping hands.
- Help others during tidy up time and learning the tidy up routine.
- Begin to make friends.
- Make choices where/what or who they would like to play with.
- Learn to respect their environment.
- Build up self-confidence and self esteem.
- Eagerly explore new learning.

Ideas to reinforce your child's learning at home:

- Encourage your child to be independent e.g. putting on/taking off coats, sweatshirts, and shoes.
- Encouraging your child to be fully independent with respect to toileting including flushing the toilet and washing their hands.

Language development

Children will have opportunities to:

- Sing songs and nursery rhymes, encouraging children to listen to the words.
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- Discuss the learning project and the children's ideas for it.
- Explore Autumn through discussion including introducing relevant vocabulary.
- Listen and engage at story time and recall a part of the story.
- Enjoy books with peers or independently.
- Discussing and exploring hibernation.
- Learning names of the play areas in the classroom and resources in Jolly Pirates.
- Take part in listening activities to develop listening skills, to be able to follow instructions and to answer questions.

Ideas to reinforce your child's learning at home:

- Sing songs and rhymes with your child, this can enhance their future reading abilities. (These rhymes can be found on the monthly rhyme sheet.)
- Read stories to your child which again will help them when they come to reading for themselves.
- Look at the monthly vocabulary sheet with your child.

Early Mathematical development

Children will have opportunities to:

- Count objects in the classroom/ outdoors e.g. leaves.
- Explore colour, shape and type using objects e.g. leaves.
- Sorting and matching leaves with respect to colour, shape, and type.
- Explore Halloween and leaf shaped cutters in the dough.
- Discuss different smells and colours of dough.
- Learn that toys and equipment are stored in specific spaces, boxes and places.
- Sorting at tidy up time.
- Explore the circle shape in the environment.
- Begin to sequence everyday routines such as putting on coat before going outside.
- Exploring full and empty with toy boxes, drinks and activities.

Ideas to reinforce your child's learning at home:

- Collect leaves to bring to Jolly Pirates as well as discussing them on a walk/at home.
- Count objects around the house e.g. how many plates at dinner? Or counting when outside.

Physical development and movement

Children will have opportunities to:

- Put on/take off coats and boots before/after outdoor play.
- Put on/take off sweatshirts.
- Independently toileting.
- Explore fine motor skills at activities.
- Experimenting with hand preference, grasp and control.
- Exploring pouring skills e.g. drink at snack and water play.

Ideas to reinforce your child's learning at home:

- Demonstrating how to hold pencils properly, however, do not focus on this point too much to the detriment of their enjoyment of art activities.
- Helping them become more independent at toileting and self help skills whilst at home.

The Arts

Children will have opportunities to:

- Explore paint and decorate natural items e.g. leaves.
- Explore making prints.
- Experimenting with painting techniques.
- Explore creating decorations to seasonal activity - Halloween.
- Create a pumpkin.
- Begin to explore junk art to create models using a variety of materials.
- Explore circles at art - what looks like a circle? Create a circle - unintentionally or intentionally.
- Listen to and join in with songs/rhymes.
- Listen to variety of music, beginning to explore beat e.g. clapping.
- Listen to music and respond freely by moving expressively.
- Initiate own role-play or join a group involved in role-play.

Ideas to reinforce your child's learning at home:

- Mark making activity at home e.g. chalk drawing outdoors (it is easily cleaned away by the rain)
- Exploring music - playing music or singing.
- Playing with junk art items e.g. cereal boxes.

The World Around Us

Children will have opportunities to:

- Experience seasonal items from nature both outdoors and indoors during play e.g. in sand/water.
- Look at and experience autumnal weather outdoors.
- Look at the effects of autumn in nature.
- Becoming more familiar with outdoor play areas and where everything is located.
- Begin to explore planting.
- Explore any circle shapes in the environment.

Ideas to reinforce your child's learning at home:

- *Collect natural materials on an autumnal walk and encourage your child to talk about what the weather is like.*
- *Can you spot any circle shapes in the outdoor environment.*