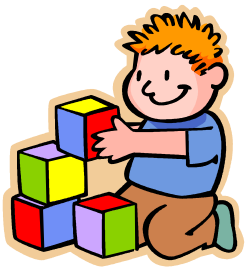
Broomhill First School





This half term's topic for the Little Owls is

All Grown Up

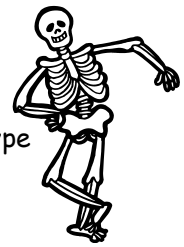


Children will learn about themselves and others as babies. They will think about the things they can do now they are in nursery and how they will change as they get older.

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Understanding the World

Children will be encouraged to talk about their friends and family and use their own experiences in their play. Children will learn about their bodies and the names of different body parts. We will look at teeth and skeletons and learn about ways to keep them healthy and strong. Children will also think about the type of jobs they would like to do when they are older.



Mathematics



Children will develop their knowledge of numbers by counting groups of interesting objects in their play and sorting them by category. They will be encouraged to say number names in order and point to objects one at a time as they count. Children will also develop their number knowledge through songs and games. They will have the opportunity to compare their height and size as they look for items that are taller or shorter than them, as well as comparing their hair colour and eye colour with other children.

Literacy, Language & Communication

Children will take part in lots of speaking and listening activities as they talk in groups about themselves and their experiences. They will have access to our role play area to engage in imaginative play and promote communication skills. They will be encouraged to speak clearly in sentences and to listen carefully to others. Children will learn about babies and children through a variety of stories. They will think about their own abilities and illustrate their own "I can…" books. They will also participate in early phonics activities.

Physical Development



As children learn about how old they are, they will be encouraged to develop their fine motor skills in the play dough area by moulding birthday cakes, handling tools and equipment with increasing care and control. Children will develop gross motor skills through daily access to outdoor equipment, climbing and balancing apparatus, as well as PE sessions in the hall. **PE for the Little Owls is on a Friday.** Please could you ensure your child comes dressed in PE clothes with appropriate footwear every Friday.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will engage in lots of role play taking on the roles of different members of a family in our home corner. They will dress up as grandad for example or be a mum looking after a baby. Children will look at the features on their faces and paint self portraits. They will also be encouraged to choose appropriate colours. Children will also make music through singing, using body sounds and musical instruments.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will spend time establishing classroom routines and expectations. The children will be encouraged to share, take turns and make new friends. Children will be talking about themselves and their abilities and share experiences from their home life. Children will do lots of work on feelings as they engage with our feelings area. They will be able to look at their own faces to recognise different emotions in themselves and they will learn to become aware of the feelings of others.

Lunch

Lunches cost **£2 per day / £10 per week**. Remember to send any lunch money in a named envelope.



Baby Bella

Your child may get the chance to take Baby Bella home overnight for an adventure. If possible take some photographs, draw a picture or write a message to bring back to school and share with the class.



Things to help your child

Talking – Talk to your child about what they were like as a baby. Talk about what will change as they grow up and what they might like to do when they are older. Talk about their likes and dislikes. Remember to bring talking books in every Monday to share in circle time.

Getting dressed – encourage your child to become 'all grown up' by dressing themselves, putting on their own shoes and zipping up their own coats.

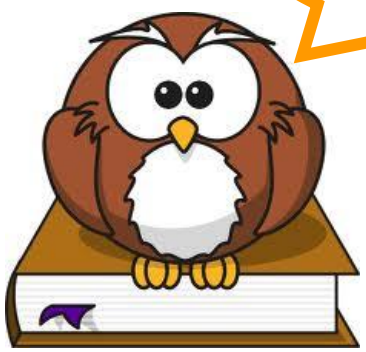
Counting – count anything and everything! Help children get used to the pattern of numbers and counting groups of objects.

Baby Photos

Please could you bring a photo of your child as a baby into school for us to use and display during this topic? This will help us to imagine how we were as babies and how different we are now. All photos will be returned and we will take care of them but please don't send anything that is really precious.



Please help your child to choose a library book from the box in nursery. Take a new book home to share and read together.





Spare Clothes

Please make sure your child has a spare change of clothes in school on their peg **at all times** in case of any accidents.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see us. Thank you for all the help and support you continue to give us. Thank you very much for reading our information letter.

Miss Carrick and Mrs Brindle

