## Early Years

## Nursery Medium Term Planning

Dinosaurs & Jungle	Learning Objectives / Key skills	Activities	Assessment Special Comments
Communication & Language  Literacy	Listen to stories with increasing attention and recall.  Take part in discussions and listen to others.  Build up vocabulary that reflects the breadth of their experiences.  Begin to use language in imaginary situations.  Ascribe meanings to marks.  Begin to use sentences.	<ul> <li>Letters and Sounds activities introducing SATPIN sounds</li> <li>Reading stories, watching stories on the interactive whiteboard and learning traditional rhymes.</li> <li>Becoming familiar with books, holding the correct way up, turning pages and distinguishing text/picture.</li> <li>Foster opportunities for 'talk' and model language.</li> <li>Regular speech and language sessions in small groups.</li> </ul>	Building on and broadening English vocabulary. Word games. Pencil control activities. Letter recognition/names.
Mathematical Development	Enjoy joining in with number rhymes and songs.  Shows curiosity about numbers by asking questions.  Use some number games accurately in play.  Willing to attempt to count, beginning to put numbers in the correct order.  Use comparative language such as Big and Little.  Begin to recognise and explain simple patterns.  Begin to talk about shapes of everyday objects.	<ul> <li>Use familiar and introduce new number rhymes.</li> <li>Count in different ways and in different settings (small groups, whole class, using number cards, counting objects).</li> <li>Play matching games in small groups.</li> <li>Ask children to order a set of number cards.</li> <li>Staff to model mathematical language.</li> <li>Begin to learn the names of colours.</li> <li>Regular maths sessions in small groups</li> </ul>	Begin to identify numbers 1-10. Count verbally 1-20. Counting on and one to one correspondence activities.
Understanding the World	Shows curiosity and interest through facial expression, movement and sound.  Show curiosity – observe and manipulate objects.  Talk about what they see and what is happening.  Begin to try out a range of tools and techniques safely.  Join construction pieces together to build.  Begin to look at similarities and differences.  Show an interest in the world in which we live.	<ul> <li>Hatching out a Dinosaur egg.</li> <li>Interactive Dinosaur/jungle games using the white board.</li> <li>Dinosaur Bones in the sand area.</li> <li>Extinct and endangered animals.</li> <li>Jungle climate.</li> <li>Growing butterflies, the life cycle.</li> </ul>	Using digital camera to take photo and look at images. Using interactive whiteboard to view images and make observations. Celebrations as they occur throughout the latter part of the term.

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Personal, Social & Emotional Development	Show curiosity. Have a sense of belonging. Show care and concern for others. Begin to express feelings and ideas. Begin to form good relationships with adults and peers. Begin to develop concentration skills Seek out others for play.	<ul> <li>Learning the Nursery routine.</li> <li>Leaving our parent or carer with support.</li> <li>Playing together in small groups or alongside other children.</li> <li>Saying 'Sorry' with words or gesture.</li> <li>Getting dressed by ourselves and working on independence skills.</li> <li>Using the toilet independently and asking if we need to use it.</li> <li>Learning basic circle time rules.</li> </ul>	Summer term assessment's and end of term reports. Working pairs. Working as a team.
Physical Development	Move with confidence.  Move in a range of ways, such as crawling and walking.  Negotiate space around other children, be able to stop safely.  Begin to recognize the importance of keeping healthy.  Be able to stop safely.  Construct with large materials.	<ul> <li>Fine motor investigating a variety of mark making.</li> <li>Using scissors.</li> <li>Gross motor large painting and chalk drawings.</li> <li>Moving parts of our body (i.e. arms, legs) to music</li> <li>Playing outside with confidence and increasing control of our bodies.</li> <li>Exercise and healthy habits.</li> </ul>	Awareness of our space and the space others need.  Structured P.E. sessions, introducing rules of the game.
Expressive Arts and Design	Begin to differentiate between colours. Join in with favourite songs/rhymes. Respond to rhythm, music and story through movement. Enjoy dancing and ring games. Explore and learn how sounds can be changed. Respond to sound with body movement. Make collages and paintings.	<ul> <li>Harry and the bucketful of dinosaur's activities.</li> <li>Making papier Mache dinosaur eggs.</li> <li>3D dinosaur display.</li> <li>Dinosaur tracks/Jungle tracks.</li> <li>Moving our bodies to different animal sounds.</li> <li>Animal costumes.</li> <li>Dinosaur/Jungle gloop swamp.</li> <li>Jungle role play area.</li> </ul>	Encourage children to explore different media throughout nursery setting (paint, pencils, chalks, whiteboard makers, computer pen). End of year show. Year book.