

## Autumn

At Churchfields Infant School Nursery we firmly believe that a child learns best through child-initiated play where they can build important life skills such as curiosity, concentration, creativity, problem solving, use of their imagination and persistence through purposeful play experiences. Although we follow the child's lead and recognise each child's different starting points, below are some of the key aspects of a child's development that we would be encouraging through this play.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development	To gain independence to self-choose activities they wish to play with. To tidy up their activities when they have finished. To build positive friendships with new peers.
Communication and Language	To listen to and discuss stories regularly. To follow simple instructions. To talk about what/ who they are playing with.
Physical Development	To be able to put their own coat on. To go to the toilet independently (to be fully potty trained) To explore climbing apparatus.
Literacy	To join in and enjoy simple stories and rhymes. To enjoy mark making experiences and give meaning to their marks, commenting on what they have drawn or 'written'.
Mathematics	To recite number names to 10 through the use of chanting, songs and stories. To recognise shapes in their home, school and local environments
Understanding the world	To remember and talk about special times shared with friends and families. To explore their local environments, discussing plants and animals that they see.
Expressive Arts and Design	To explore different sounds through singing and using instruments. To join in with imaginative role-play.

We hope this information supports you in encouraging your child's learning at home too. Although we have shared this information under 'Autumn', I'm sure you understand that the above would continue throughout the year.