

Spring

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 tidy up their activities when they have finished. To play in a group, listening to each other's ideas and using them to extend their play. To share and take turns.
Communication and Language	To follow instructions e.g. tidy up time, come and sit on the carpet, get your coats. To listen to and discuss stories. To talk and ask questions as much as possible e.g. through their play or talking about past events.
Physical Development	To develop using one-handed tools and equipment e.g. pencils, pens, hammers, scissors To be able to dress themselves e.g. putting on their own jumpers, shoes, socks.
Literacy	To listen to stories and comment on the main events, where it was set and the characters. To give meaning to their marks, commenting on what they have drawn, 'written' or painted.
Mathematics	To recognise and order numbers 0 to 5. To recognise and name 2D shapes in their home, school and local environments. To begin to use positional language e.g. the block is on top of the tower, you are next to the door.
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 join in movement to music and ring games e.g. 'duck duck goose', 'farmer in the den' To use small world toys to make up narratives and own stories.

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