

Spring 2 Curriculum Newsletter

At Martenscroft we are expressive, mindful, responsible and inquisitive so we can play, learn and grow.

This half term our learning theme is:

Living and Growing

Holistic Health

(Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development, Mindfulness, Emotional Literacy, Wellbeing Rights Respecting, Individual Needs)

We will be learning how we can balance and create different poses with our bodies. This follows on from last term's Yoga sessions. The children will learn different breathing techniques to use when cooling down from a physical activity as well as when they want to regulate their emotions.

Home learning activity:

Can you create a pose using your legs and arms?

Can you stretch your arms in different ways?

Expressive Me

(Communication and Language, Literacy, Languages, Signing & Visuals, Expressive Arts and Design)

We will be learning and reading books about life cycles, farm animals and vegetation. The children will be retelling stories with actions and using the information they have learnt to make links on how vegetables grow. We are also excited to learn words linked to our learning in another language and some sign language.

Home learning activity:

Can you read a book and speak about which part of the book you enjoyed the most?

Can you draw your favourite character from a story?

Global Responsibility

(Eco School, Cultural Diversity, Global Citizenship, Environmental Impact, Community Responsibility, Research Projects)

In our group times activities, we will be discussing our individuality and differences.

We will be growing individual plants and explain how to grow a plant. The children will have their own plant to take care of and observe the changes that occur as it grows.

Home learning activity:

Can you contribute to recycling at home and discuss how that will keep our environment clean.

Inventive Ideas

(Maths, Understanding the World, Technology, Engineering, Cooking, Social media)

In mathematics we will be learning how to recognise small numbers of objects quickly (subitising) for example fingers or spots on a dice. The children will be developing their touch counting skills using objects.

We will explore IT equipment and how it can be used to take pictures of signs of Spring outside and videos.

Home learning activity:

Can you spot the changes that are happening in spring at a local park?

Can you explain the differences between trees in winter and trees in spring?

Reminders:

Please bring your child's book back on the allocated day so it can be changed.

If your child does not have a pair of wellies at Nursery, please can you send a pair in.

Quote of the term:

"Play gives children a chance to practice what they are learning."