



# Apple Blossom

## Autumn 1 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:



### Wonderful Me

In each curriculum area we will be learning:

#### Holistic Health

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

We will be focussing on transitions and making relationships to help our new children settle and feel secure in their nursery environment. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, we go to the hall where our children will be experimenting to move their bodies in different ways such as; Climbing, jumping, crawling, spinning and dancing to different types of music.

#### Home Learning Activity:

Move and groove to some music in your home.

#### Expressive Me

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

We will be introducing children to three different signs this half term which are me, share, play. This half term we will be teaching a new language for children to learn which is Spanish. We will include greeting words and simple key words such as 'Hello', 'yes' and 'no'. There will be a book worms book club held every week in the hall. One-week Tuesday 8:30-9:00am and the next week Thursday 3:00-4:00pm where we will be sharing a story, singing some songs and allowing families to exchange books. We will be exploring painting by using a variety of paintbrushes to make some marks.

#### Home Learning Activity:

Practise our language of the term Spanish words; Share - Compartir and Play - Jugar.

#### Global Responsibility

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

We have a loose parts section within our room where the children can find different ways to use tubes, wooden stumps, sticks, peg people and cardboard boxes. We will be looking around our garden to add some more natural resources such as leaves, branches and grass. We will be choosing a small group of children to take on the role of becoming an eco-warrior and introducing our eco schools' activities.

#### Home Learning Activity:

Go on an autumnal walk around your community or park and collect any natural treasures you may find.

#### Inventive Ideas

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

We will be looking at the changes in seasons going from Summer to Autumn. The children will be looking at the leaves changing colours from green to yellow, orange and red. We have exciting new social media platforms waiting to be launched which include; Our new school website, Facebook and Instagram. Posts on these sites will showcase our fantastic environments and children's learning.

#### Home Learning Activity:


Building on the children's knowledge in relation to the changes in seasons, try and talk to your child about the colours you can see within the Autumn months so they can begin recognise these easily.



#### Reminders:

Please bring a cloth or material laundry bag for your child's washing.

Please ensure your child has enough spare clothes for their days at nursery, including underwear.

Quote of the term: 



"I never teach my pupils; I only provide the condition in which they can learn from –

Albert Einstein