

Spring 2 Curriculum Newsletter

At Martenscroft we are expressive, mindful, nurturing 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 be part of a 'team', playing team games in the Ball Area. 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 blow bubbles, a scarf, feather to become aware of your breathing and learn how to control it? Does it help to make you feel calm?

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 different types of vegetables. 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 greeting words in Urdu and some sign language, linked to life cycles. We will be embracing World Book Day (March 8th) and sharing your children's favourite books in Nursery.

Home learning activity:

- ❖ Visit a library and take out a book.
- ❖ 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 Time activities, we will be discussing our individuality and differences. We will be celebrating International Women's Day and learning about some of the influential women and their achievements

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.
- ❖ Can you plant some seeds at home and observe the changes as they grow?

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/videos of signs of Spring outside.

Home learning activity:

- ❖ Go for a walk in the park and spot the signs of Spring? Can you take photographs and share them on Tapestry
- ❖ Can you make some ice cubes or lollies to explore freezing and melting?

Reminders:

Please bring your child's book back on a Tuesday so it can be changed and returned on Wednesday

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

Thank You

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Quote of the term:

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