



Orange Blossom

Summer 1 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:

My Home, Our Manchester



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)

This term we will be working towards raising the awareness for Deaf awareness week 5th – 11th May. Orange Blossom will be doing sign language at group times having a sign week for children to learn. This will be aligned with World Hearing Day 2025 theme. We are settling the children who have started to attend fulltime and are asking parents to support their child at home with toilet training. We have been supporting children and having discussions at group times about how we use the toilet and its facilities to becoming independent in their new journey. For those children who are doing this, please remember to bring lots of spare clothes and a spare laundry bag.

Expressive Me

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



This term we will focus on recycled materials and explore ways we can use materials in art and play. We encourage parents to bring in any recycled materials. Our focus is on using outdoor materials to develop gross motor skills. We are encouraging self-led activities where children can express themselves through art and movement. We use basic sign language with the children during lunch and play, if parents want to familiarise themselves they can speak to staff and basic signs are on display in Orange Blossom.

Global Responsibility

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

On Tuesday 22nd April 2025 we celebrated Earth day. We held a variety of activities for the children to take part on. Monday 19th May is People Who Help Us week. We are planning activities in the room and also are inviting people in to Martenscroft, Fire Service, Police etc. The week beginning Monday 20th June, it will be walking to school week. Parents will be encouraged to bring their child to school by walking to raise awareness for the benefits of walking has on their health.

Inventive Ideas

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



We will be venturing out into the community with the children looking at and encouraging the children to talk about the surrounding buildings. We welcome parents/carers to join us just let the staff know that you are interested in accompanying us. The children will be incorporating technology such as the microwave, toaster, and blender, noticing what happens to the food and how different process produce different results. Towards the end of Summer term, we will be focusing on 30 Days of Nature in my local environment. Our theme is in my home, in my Area, in my City this is an excellent opportunity to share your photographs when you are out and about in the city on your child's Tapestry.

Reminders: Please remember sun safety as the weather starts to warm up. Provide your child with a sun hat sensible footwear no bare shoulders or strappy tops.

Don't forget your £1.00 sun cream donation in reception.

Quote of the term:

“We are all different
and that is what makes
us beautiful.”

