

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.



Holistic Health

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

We will be exploring what being **grateful** means and how to be **grateful** for the things in our life.
We are taking part in 'On Your Feet Britain' and being super active and on our feet for most of the day!
How to throw, aim and catch and developing these skills using different sized balls, bean bags, hoops and tubs

Home Learning

Play ball games at home in the garden/park.

Expressive Me

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



We will be reading a variety of fiction and non-fiction books to develop our understanding and vocabulary, including, 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers (Red/Yellow and Green Groups) and In every House In Every Street by Jess Hitchman (Blue Group). We will be talking about our 'address' and observing the skyline of Manchester from Hulme bridge and making our own representations using our photographs and images from the internet.

Our Oracy Opportunity this term is a song called, 'When I Build My House' This is the link to the song [When I Build My House](#)

Home Learning

Can you draw a plan of your bedroom and describe the 'furniture' you have? Do you know the name for each room/space inside/outside your home? Can you learn your address?

Global Responsibility

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

We will find out all about 'Earth Day' and discovering how we can all help to make little changes to help to save our planet. The children will be planting more seeds and watching them grow. We will be learning all about **recycling** and which resources can be recycled at Nursery and at home. The children will also be taking part in Safety Week and learning how to use kitchen equipment safely.

Home Learning

Can you help to recycle paper at home? Maybe you could tear up used envelopes to put in the paper recycling bin or make models with empty boxes and plastic bottles/pots.

Inventive Ideas

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



In this curriculum area we will be learning about how a home is built and the different occupations, from architects to electricians, who are involved in making our homes. We will talk about different types of homes. The children will be designing their own buildings and making them with junk modelling, bricks and construction resources. We are planning to use sand and water to make our own cement!

We will be developing language such as in front/under/behind/beside to describe positions and encouraging children to describe their route to school or to familiar places.

We will also be learning about healthy foods and taking part in some simple cooking activities to support this learning.

Home Learning

Can you help look for healthy food when visiting the shops with your family?

Reminders:

Your children's Reading and Library Books will be changed every Wednesday, please make sure we have them back by Tuesday.

Please make sure your child has an all-day sun cream on and named sun hat.

Thank You

Quote of the term:

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