



September 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Foundation 1 (Nursery)
Autumn 1 Curriculum

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday. This ½ term we look forward to also welcoming new children and their parents to our nursery setting.

This half term our theme is all about bears and is entitled ***"If You Go Down to the Woods Today."*** Here is a brief outline of the activities we will be covering around the seven areas of learning:

Personal Social and Emotional Development:

We will be learning to play games and share with each other. We will do many circle time activities around the themes of our families and ourselves. We will also be learning about health and well-being every week in our Wellbeing Wednesday sessions.

Communication, Language and Literacy:

We will be developing vocabulary related to autumn, bears and ourselves. We will be looking at factual books about autumn, families and ourselves. Some of the key texts we will be reading are:

- We're Going on a Bear Hunt
- Peace at Last
- Goldilocks
- Where's My Teddy

We will continue practicing our mark making skills and our listening skills on a daily basis. You could help your child at home by:

- Encouraging your child to recognise their name and copy/write some or all the letters of their name.
- Singing some nursery rhymes.
- Enjoy lots of bedtime stories together.
- Ask your children to re-tell the core stories to you.
- Look at books or on the internet together to learn more about bears.

Physical Development:

We will be developing our gross motor control when climbing, balancing and travelling. Children will have many opportunities to engage in 'Funky Finger' activities such as threading cards and completing pencil control sheets to help develop their fine motor control.

Mathematics:

We will continue to focus on a different number, shape and colour every week, to help with number recognition/formation and shape recognition. Your children will have the opportunity to access lots of number/shape or colour activities every week to develop their mathematical skills further. For example: counting out bears to match bear numbers 1-3, sorting coloured bears in different ways and engaging in bear themed baking activities to develop concepts of measurement. You could help your child at home by:

- Look for the number, shape and colour of the week whilst out and about.
- Bake buns together (count out the bun cases, look at the numbers when measuring out the ingredients, count the eggs etc.).
- Go on a shape hunt.
- Count the toys as you put them away.

Understanding the World:

We will be finding out about ourselves, our families and each other and we will be drawing self-portraits and pictures of our family members. We will also be learning about bears and the countries that they live in.

Expressive Arts and Design.

Here we will be getting messy as we use our hands and feet to explore! We will enjoy dancing, playing musical instruments, circle games, use paint to make self-portraits and much more; we will also be painting and drawing bears. We will be exploring small world animals and natural resources to make homes for animals.

Please look at our school website www.shirleymanor.co.uk and make sure you are signed-up to our class Dojo to keep up to date with what is happening and events in school and nursery.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Tidswell and the Early Years Team