LITTLE LAMBS • AUTUMN 1

Our Topic Map

A parent-friendly look at what we will explore and learn together

I WONDER... WHAT I CAN FIND OUT ABOUT MYSELF AND OTHERS?

Settling in • Senses • Family

Communication & Language

- Join in with familiar songs and nursery rhymes
- Listen to short stories in a small group
- Use words, signs and gestures to express needs and feelings
- Learn Makaton signs: hello, goodbye, please, toilet, help, sit and stand

Personal, Social & Emotional

- Build a secure relationship with our key person
- Feel supported when separating from parents or carers
- Notice others and begin interactions through play
- Use familiar photographs and experiences to help calm feelings

Physical Development

- Feel safe and comfortable during nappy time
- Sit together with friends at snack time
- Develop independent sitting and walking
- Explore small bikes, materials and simple tools

Books & Early Mark Making

- Explore books independently and enjoy sensory books
- Look at class-made books about our families
- Find pictures or information after a simple prompt
- Join dough gym, make large marks and explore drawing tools

Mathematics

- Stack and combine blocks, cups and other objects
- Put objects inside containers and take them out again
- Join in with number finger rhymes
- Explore shape sorters and simple puzzles

Understanding the World & RE

- Explore our senses and name parts of the body
- Notice seasonal change, including falling leaves
- Recognise family and key people and ask: Who is special to me?
- Follow daily routines using a visual timetable

Expressive Arts & Design

- Explore materials using all our senses
- Show interest in early mark making
- Explore instruments, sound makers and sounds made with our voices
- Begin imaginative play with resources in the provision

Special Events & Family Links

- Harvest Festival and Rosh Hashanah
- Black History Month and Jeans for Genes
- Garden walk: how has our garden changed?
- Stay and Play: My Family

Words we will use family • special • feelings • touch • smell • see • taste • hear • child • different • same • body • exercise • autumn