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Our Topic Map

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

I WONDER... WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT ME?

Belong • Feelings • Family

Communication & Language

- Sing rhymes and enjoy picture books
- Talk about ourselves and our families
- Listen, take turns and use simple sentences
- Makaton: hello, goodbye, please, thank you, toilet, help and tidy up

Personal, Social & Emotional

- Settle into Nursery and learn our routines
- Name feelings such as happy and sad
- Make friends, share and care for resources
- Grow in confidence with toileting, handwashing and choosing snacks

Physical Development

- Enjoy short HIIT sessions and ball skills
- Explore wheeled balance equipment
- Develop a comfortable grip for mark making
- Practise using a paintbrush and putting on a coat

Literacy & Phonics

- Join in with stories, songs and rhymes
- Explore rhyme and environmental sounds (Phase 1)
- Make marks and talk about what they mean
- Recognise our own name and notice letters in it

Mathematics

- Explore and name colours
- Match objects that are the same
- Sort objects in different ways
- Meet pattern, measure, capacity and shape through play

Understanding the World & RE

- Talk about our families, homes and how we have changed
- Notice different families and celebrate what makes us unique
- Use our senses and observe Autumn changes locally
- Ask: Who is special to us?

Expressive Arts & Design

- Explore pretend play and small-world stories
- Sing familiar songs and make rhythmic sounds
- Explore instruments, paint and different art materials
- Draw from observation and make snips with scissors

Special Events & Family Links

- Autumn trail and Harvest
- Black History and Rosh Hashanah
- Stay and Play session
- Phonics workshop for families

Words we will use family • home • friend • feelings • happy • sad • angry • excited • kind • share • same • different • autumn • leaves • tree • change