

# **Gorseybrigg Primary School and Nursery**

# **Curriculum Matters**



**Term**                      **Spring 1 - 2018**

**Year Group**            **Nursery**

**Teacher**                **Mrs Pidcock**

Please note that not all subject areas will necessarily be taught each term and we cannot write down everything we teach!

## **Topic**

### **Pattern**

Week 1: Elmer

Week 2: Symmetry

Week 3: Shape patterns

Week 4: Repeating patterns

Week 5: Animal patterns and patterns found in nature

Week 6: Sound patterns

Week 7: Pancakes and Valentines

## **Literacy**

- Demonstrating understanding of stories that we have been reading in class ('Elmer' and 'My Mum and Dad Make Me Laugh')
- Practicing writing our names.
- Listening for the sounds at the beginning of words.
- Improving pencil control by tracing.

## **Mathematics**

- Singing number songs and rhymes.
- Counting forwards and backwards.
- Recognising simple 2D shapes.
- Using language such as more, less and the same to compare 2 groups of objects.
- Recognising and continuing simple patterns.

## **Personal, Social and Emotional Education and RE**

- Playing co-operatively and taking turns with others.
- Demonstrating friendly behaviour and forming good relationships with peers and familiar adults.
- Learning about special places (for different people and different religions).

## **Physical Development**

- Experimenting with different ways of moving in gymnastics, focusing on travelling and taking weight on different body parts.
- Knowing the importance for good health of physical exercise and a healthy diet and talking about ways to keep healthy and safe.
- Dancing and playing ring games.
- Experimenting with dance and movement in response to different kinds of music.

## **Communication and Language**

- Listening to discussions, asking and answering questions about our topic.
- Asking how and why questions in response to stories such as 'Elmer' and 'My Mum and Dad Make Me Laugh'.

## **Expressive Arts and Design**

- Safely using and exploring a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function through Valentine's Day crafts and making pattern collages.
- Representing own ideas, thoughts and feelings through dance and music.
- Making 3D elephants out of milk cartons!

## **Understanding the World**

- Carrying out a symmetry investigation using mirrors.
- Continuing repeating shape patterns.
- Making rubbings of outdoor patterns e.g. bark, tyres.
- Discussing the different patterns found on wild animals.
- Using a computer program to make sound patterns.
- Making pancake batter and discussing favourite / healthy toppings.

# Helping at Home

- Share your child's library book with them.
- Look out for patterns when you are out and about.
- Count forwards and backwards.
- Play games e.g. I Spy, Snakes and Ladders, Snap.