

Nursery

The Foundation Stage Curriculum is delivered through Prime Areas: **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**; **Physical Development** and **Communication and Language**.

These core skills are developed through Specific Areas of Learning: **Literacy**; **Mathematics**; **Understanding of the World** and **Expressive Arts and Design**.

Reading and Phonics

Developing a love of books and stories is a key priority in the Early Years. Reading regularly with your child is essential for a number of reasons; it develops communication skills and vocabulary, it introduces children to new experiences and it shows them that reading is fun!

Further information can be found at <http://www.booktrust.org.uk/books/children/how-to-share-books/>

We will be sending home reading books for you to read and share with your children, these will be changed on a Friday so please ensure book bags are in school.

We are singing Nursery Rhymes to develop our Literacy skills – these will be coming home in a pack soon with some activities you can do to support this learning further.

Guess How Much I Love You?

Our topic this term will be all about getting to know your children. We will be talking about ourselves and our bodies and finding out about our senses.

We will also be thinking about our families and where we live.

Home Learning

As part of this topic we would like you to send in some family pictures, please talk with your children about the pictures you are sending in so that they are able to talk about them with their friends and the staff.

If you have difficulties printing photos you can always email them to the school – homelearning@catshill.worcs.sch.uk

Physical Development

Nursery children do PE sessions on a **Friday**.

It is important for the children to be able to 'have a go' at getting ready for PE independently. You may want to spend some time with your child practising these skills.

Please ensure children are not wearing laced shoes/trainers as this can often be a stumbling block. Thank you.

Outdoor Curriculum

In Nursery we use our outdoor learning area every day, whatever the weather, please ensure your child comes ready to go outside! This may include waterproofs as well as a sun hat at the moment. **As with all clothing items it is essential that it is clearly named**, please check regularly that names are still in clothes as they can become faded.

Drinks Bottles

Please make sure that all drink bottles which come into school contain a 'healthy' drink such as water and are clearly named.

Nursery will continue to receive milk and fruit for free through the government scheme.