



Rhymes



Topic Overview Autumn 1 2024/2025

Communication & Language

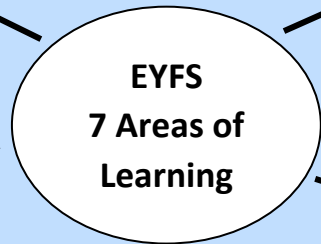
For our first half term, our topic will be **Rhymes** and our main focus will be Communication & Language. This is a prime area that strongly supports the other 6 areas of learning. Good communication skills will support a child's self-esteem and help them to feel more comfortable at Pre-School, enabling to develop further.

Our topic book is **Walking Through the Jungle** by Julie Lacombe. We will be learning the rhyme and exploring different animal sounds.

We will also be learning different Nursery Rhymes and encouraging discussions such as "How did Humpty Dumpty feel when he fell off the wall?" "Who helped him?" This will also support the children's PSED, in naming different emotions and encouraging them to talk about when they may have felt the same way.

In Pre-School we always offer opportunities for children to develop in all 7 areas of learning of the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework (EYFS). See below for examples of activities for this half term.

As well as this, we also go with the children's interests and will therefore offer other activities and resources such as dinosaur set-ups and princess dress-up.



Literacy

Walking Through the Jungle story
Spider mark making with circles & lines

Maths

Number Rhymes
Using shapes to build animal enclosures

Understanding the World

Exploring different animals & habitats
Conversations about their own family members

Physical Development

PE: Team Games, Running Games, moving safely.
Build a wall for Humpty Dumpty

PSED

Relationship Building
Exploring Emotions and Feelings
The Colour Monster book



Expressive Arts & Design

Puppet role play
Action Songs & Instruments
Exploring different sounds



Important Dates!

Date	Event
Monday 30 th September	Fraser Photography – Individual Photos
Thursday 24 th October	Stay & Play - Rhymes 9-10am (Parents invited to come in & play with their child)
Monday 28 th October- Friday 1 st November	Half term holidays Pre-School CLOSED
Monday 2 nd December	Welcome to Winter jumper day
Monday 9 th December Times TBC	Parent's evening for Miss Doe - Bumblebee Mrs Overy – Ladybird
Thursday 12 th December Times TBC	Parent's evening for Miss Newey- Bumblebee Mrs Marsh – Ladybird
Tuesday 17 th December 1.45 -2.45pm	Christmas party – All children (no parents)
Monday 23 rd December- Friday 3 rd January	Christmas holidays – Pre-School CLOSED Re-open Monday 6 th January 2025

5 INSET days – School is CLOSED for staff training on

Monday 2nd September, Tuesday 3rd September

Friday 20th June, Friday 27th June

One further INSET closure date to be confirmed