OUTDOOR AREA



Key Learning Opportunities

Communication and Language

- Understand how to listen carefully and why listening is important.
- Learn new vocabulary and use it throughout the day
- Ask questions to find out more and to check they understand what has been said to them
- Use talk to help work out problems and organise thinking and activities, and to explain how things work and why they might happen.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- See themselves as a valuable individual.
- Build constructive and respectful relationships
- Show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge.
- Identify and moderate their own feelings socially and emotionally
- Manage their own needs.

All of the Development Matters ages and stages are covered via the outdoor provision.

Physical Development

- Revise and refine the fundamental movement skills they have already acquired: rolling, crawling, walking, jumping, running, hopping, skipping, climbing
- Develop the overall body strength, co-ordination, balance and agility needed to engage successfully with future physical education sessions and other physical disciplines including dance, gymnastics, sport and swimming.
- Develop their small motor skills
- Combine different movements with ease and fluency.
- Confidently and safely use a range of large and small apparatus indoors and outside, alone and in a group. Develop overall body-strength, balance, co-ordination and agility
- Further develop and refine a range of ball skills including: throwing, catching, kicking, passing, batting, and aiming.
- Develop confidence, competence, precision and accuracy when engaging in activities that involve a ball.

Mathematics

- Count objects, actions and sounds.
- Select, rotate and manipulate shapes in order to develop spatial reasoning skills.
- Continue, copy and create repeating patterns.
- Compare length, weight and capacity.

Role of the Adult

Understanding of the World

- Explore the natural world around them.
- Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside.
- Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.

Resources

Sand area (see separate plans)

Water area (see separate plans)

Construction shed/area - large polydron sets (including wheels), bricks, stacking crates, wooden planks and blocks, hard hats, hi-vis jackets, tool box with tools, balls and connecting sticks

Writing shed - various mark making resources

Reading shed - table, chairs (contents vary based on theme)

- Clear perspex board with pens
- Whiteboard with pens
- Blackboards
- Bikes, scooters, traffic cones, signs, traffic lights,
- Farm animals and buildings
- Vehicles in various sizes
- Tuff trays, small world mats
- Table and chairs

Bug hotel

Mud Kitchen - various pots, pans utensils and recipe cards
Enhancements

Natural resources relating to season Role play equipment relating to topic

Intended Experiences Observing and identifying what they find

outside: Asking questions about their observations

Looking for similarities and differences
Experiencing and trying out new vocabulary
Observing and talking about patterns of
change Exploring freezing and melting
Differentiating between hot and cold, wet and
dry, rough and smooth; Experiencing weather
Exploring a wide range of outdoor
environments

Predicting, hypothesising and problem solving Communicating observations and findings. Making decisions about the resources needed Handling and using resources appropriately Managing and organising resources, getting things out and tidying away Playing alongside and with others Communicating, sharing ideas, negotiating and co-operatina

Play alongside

- Respond to their requests and ideas, Suggest possibilities to extend their play/thinking
- Play alongside children to take play forwards, suggest ideas and show what's possible

Role model / direct teach

- Model ways to use the equipment if unsure
- Model language, correct and/or extend vocabulary
- Model and manage behaviours, self-regulation and the characteristics of effective learning

Raise questions to stimulate ideas and add challenge

- What do you notice about?
- Can you roll? Can you crawl through the tunnel? Which toy can we spin on?
- What is it like to wobble? How can you balance?
- Can you build up the blocks?
- Can you try it on your own? Can you teach somebody else?

Use appropriate language linked to key learning

Roll, spin, crawl, turn, wobble, over, up, down, round and round, roly poly, jump