

This term at Busy Bees

**Activities**

Just a taste of what your child will have the opportunity to do over the coming weeks….

* Climbing and balancing activities. This not only supports gross motor development but also turn taking.
* Playdough. A great sensory experience which promotes fine motor skills.
* Talking about our families. This supports children’s sense of identity as well as language skills.
* Painting with a variety of tools. Another sensory experience which supports mark making skills and creativity.
* Cooking opportunities. This supports fine motor skills and early science ideas.

Pre-school……

**This term our focus is getting to know each other and settling into new routines.**

Whether your child is new to Busy Bees or here last year, there are lots of new people to meet and activities to join in with. Your child’s health and wellbeing will be our top priority as they explore the environment and become familiar with our boundaries and routines. Remember to activate your Tapestry account (emails come directly from Tapestry so check junk folders) so you can keep up to date with what your child has been up to.

**To support learning at home you might like to…….**

Go on a listening walk. What can you hear as you walk around your neighbourhood? Children need to be able to hear the difference between sounds in the environment before they are ready to learn phonic sounds.

Make your own playdough. There are many recipes online, or try 1 cup of water, 1 cup of flour and half a cup of salt with a splash of food colouring. You don’t need fancy playdough cutters, a potato masher or other safe kitchen items are just as much fun.

**Skills we are promoting…..**

Washing our hands! Twisting on the tap, pressing the soap dispenser, rubbing, rinsing and drying all require good co-ordination. More important than ever that children learn this important skill.

For more information about our curriculum, the EYFS and how you can help your child at home please visit our website [www.busybeespreschool.org.uk](http://www.busybeespreschool.org.uk) or [www.foundationyears.org.uk](http://www.foundationyears.org.uk)

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