



BIRKENHEAD
HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY

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GIRLS' DAY SCHOOL TRUST

AUTUMN TERM - Around the Clock

Dear Parents and Carers,

When we arrived back at school we learned about Bonfire Night and Diwali. We also learned about Remembrance Day.

Our new topic is "Around the clock". We will be sequencing events in the day and learning about the importance of sleep and bedtime routines. We shall read stories and create representations of nocturnal creatures. In December our learning will be linked to Christmas.

If you have any concerns at any time, please come in for a chat.

Yours faithfully

Mrs E. Buckley

How you can help your child learn at home:

- Go for a walk in the day time. Do the same walk at night time? Which do they like the best? What was different?
- Look around the house in the day light. Look around after dark. Use a torch - what can you see?
- Don't forget to read at least one bedtime story a night and limit screen time before bed. Ring the changes and use a torch and read a bedtime story under the covers!
- Encourage your daughter/ward to make her mark or write her name when writing cards. Don't worry if she can't write her name yet but praise what she can do.
- Sing number rhymes like 5 in a bed. Write the numbers on pieces of card and draw the matching number of spots underneath the number. Hold the matching card up when singing the rhyme.
- Make a simple clock with your daughter, using hands on clock to show the time that she goes to bed.
- Get a sponge for bathtime. How much water can your daughter squeeze out of a sponge into a container? This develops grip strength which is essential for holding a pencil.
- What sounds can you make with your body? - clapping, tapping, clicking, whistling etc. Read books with an emphasis on rhythm and rhyme - There's a Shark in the Dark.
- Plant some bulbs and watch out for squirrels!
- Idea for Christmas -simple jigsaw puzzles. We are learning to complete puzzles.

Invitation- Please come to the classroom on Tuesday 18th December from 8.30-9.00 for a Christmas Stay and Play. There will be games to play and we will finish with some songs.

Unfortunately we will be short on space so if each child could just have one adult and we shall run another session later in the school year. Please can toddlers be looked after by someone else so that you can focus on your daughter in the nursery. We can find a space for tiny babies in prams! If your daughter doesn't usually attend on Tuesday, she is welcome to swap sessions that week. Please speak to me about this.

Communication and Language

Anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories.

Shows understanding of prepositions

Uses talk to explain what is happening and anticipate what might happen next, recall and relive past experiences.

Literacy/Phonics

Learning to make different sounds with their bodies.

Learning to recognise rhythm and rhyme.

Introduce songs for the sounds s,a and t.

Experiment with mark making - sometimes ascribing meaning to marks

Copy over or under name writing or attempting to write own name.

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

Can play in a group, extending and elaborating play ideas

Begins to accept the needs of others and can take turns and share resources, sometimes with support from others

Aware of own feelings Read "Can't you sleep Little Bear" and "Danny is afraid of the dark". Discuss being afraid of the dark.

Physical Development

Holds pencil near point between first two fingers and thumb or using a pincer grip and uses it with good control.

Uses simple tools to effect changes to materials.

Begins to gain an understanding that good practices with regard to sleeping and hygiene can contribute to good health.

Maths

Number songs including 5 in the bed.

Recognising 1-5

Developing an awareness of time

Sequencing night time routine pictures

Developing positional language

Around the Clock Nursery Curriculum Map

Understanding the World

Planting bulbs

Look at sponges and loofahs and soap in water

Find out about nocturnal animals and stars

Use microphones to record what they are afraid of.

Explore using torches.

Expressive Arts and Design

Create bonfire pictures using wax crayons and paints.

Using dough make a diva.

Make beds from a selection of construction kits.

Act out bedtime routines in role play area

Make owl pictures and model an owl using play dough

Christmas crafts