

# Our Learning this Term

(August - October 2018)

All the children, whether new or returning, have been settling into life at Busby Nursery splendidly, making lots of new friendships and taking part in many new experiences.



In **Literacy** we have been focusing on playing with rhyme, singing songs in our den with instruments, reading rhyming books together with puppets, and making props. The children

have voted for **Shark in the Park** and **Chocolate Goose for Greedy Goose** for their **Super Stories** and regularly have the chance to vote for the next Super Story. For Roald Dahl Day we constructed an outdoor riverbank, made snozzcumber soup and painted clay and cardboard crocodiles.



We have been mark-making in various ways, using chalks and slate, shaving foam, water, pastels and pens. We are having monthly Book Bug sessions and will be sending home books as part of our weekly Lending Library, linked to tips from the Hanen Reading Scheme.



In **Maths** we have been focusing on numbers, counting up and down. We have also been thinking about money, identifying different notes and coins, using magnets to collect them in water and sending penguins to dive for them outside! We have also been visiting the local shop in groups to buy things that we need in nursery, and exploring our local environment on the journey there and back. We have been playing shopkeepers in our Role Play Corner shop and outside in our wooden play sheds, and we have been counting with conkers, pine cones, leaves and acorns.



In **Health & Wellbeing** the children are learning all our nursery rules and routines and following them very well. The children have been making new

friends and outside they have been climbing, balancing and jumping. We go to gym sessions on Monday mornings and we will be visiting Busby Church Garden to explore.



We have been preparing and tasting lots of different snacks, and collecting and eating fruits of the season, like brambles, apples and plums. We have made plum jam, apple crumble, scones, a shark watermelon, snozzcumber sandwiches, gingerbread men, and vegetable soup, as well as trying a wide variety of fruit and vegetables.



In **Expressive Arts** the children have been very creative with a wide range of media, including making play dough and clay models, fruit people, prints of autumn trees and leaf paintings.

We have started our **Skills Academy** classes on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. During these sessions, the children get together in small groups with children from Primary 1 for a six-week masterclass focusing on a particular skill, linked to the world of work. The five classes (which they will all do over the year) are:

- 1) **Life Skills** (focusing on Feelings & Emotions)
- 2) **Cookery** (preparing various types of Healthy Snacks)
- 3) **Design & Manufacture** (focusing on the production of Fabrics & Textiles)
- 4) **Community** (focusing on Exploring the Local Area & People who Help Us)
- 5) **Creativity** (focusing on Musicality, Dance, Drama, Art & puppetry)

## **To encourage your child's learning at home you could try:**

**Literacy:** Read bedtime stories together. Chat about your day. Listen out for rhyming words. Sing a favourite nursery rhyme.

**Numeracy:** Look out for numbers in the environment, around the home and in the street e.g. door numbers, numbers on cars. Look at price labels in supermarkets and talk about different coins and notes when out shopping.

**Health & Wellbeing & Social Subjects:** When preparing food, talk about the ingredients and where they come from. Look out for fruits on the trees and other signs of Autumn, like acorns and conkers, if out in the park or outdoors.