Learning Planner

Nursery-Autumn Term 1

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Who will the colour monster meet at school? What makes us happy? Why do I sometimes feel tired? How can I be a good friend? Where is the colour monster hiding?

This half term, Nursery will be welcomed into our setting with a primary focus of building relationships, learning the routines and boundaries of the setting and making lots of new friends as well as exploring the theme of colours!

Connect & Wonder

The colour monster goes through a range of emotions during his first week at school. He has been up to all sorts of mischief in our classroom and we are going to help and show him how to build relationships, make new friends and follow routines and boundaries.

Leading on from this the children will spend time exploring colour in a variety of different ways such as; using colour to represent feelings when printing with their hands, mixing and sorting colours and making colour sensory bottles.

For the Love of Reading

Our story to inspire us is 'The Colour Monster goes to school'. The colour monster is feeling nervous...he doesn't have a clue what school is! With his friend Nuna by his side the Colour Monster has all kinds of exciting adventures ahead!

Investigate & Construct

- **Personal, Social and Emotional Development:** We will be learning about what it feels like to be part of the school family, making new friends and sharing our feelings. Our cosy sensory den will provide a safe space to explore our senses and feelings and our home corner is a place to roleplay being in a familiar environment
- **Language and communication:** We will be learning a familiar nursery rhyme (Twinkle, Twinkle) and using our rhyme map and actions to help us to sing along.
- **Understanding the World:** The children will be exploring different emotions as well as mixing colours to talk about the differences between materials and changes that they notice.
- **Expressive Arts and Design:** The children will be getting creative this half term using a variety of materials and one-handed tools to create their own master pieces.
- **Physical development:** We will enjoy exploring tools through messy play and develop our gross motor skills through movement and music

Express & Reflect

Throughout the half term there will be lots of opportunities to share our ideas and opinions, which will develop crucial communication skills. We will encourage the children to bring in their own family photos to add to our home corner and support them to talk about their own life and experiences. We will showcase our very own portrait gallery to show how unique and special we all are!

Key Vocabulary

Colour	School
Feelings	Happy
Friends	Rucksack
Kind	Loved
Monster	Hungry
Rainbow	Scared
Painting	Exhausted