



BUMBLEBEES CLASS

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A gentle start • friendships • confidence • exploring our world

WELCOME TO
Bumblebees!

A VERY WARM WELCOME
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OUR FOCUS: settling in •
belonging • growing

STORIES & TALK

AUTUMN 1 • OUR LOCAL WORLD

- Enjoy stories about families and homes; talk about familiar people and places.

AUTUMN 2 • MATERIALS & CELEBRATIONS

- Join in with repeated phrases, songs and rhymes; talk about celebrations and special experiences.

KEY WORDS story • rhyme • family • home • friend • nursery • listen • talk • happy • special

EARLY MATHS

AUTUMN 1

- Match, sort and compare objects; use in, on and under; count small groups to 3.

AUTUMN 2

- Notice more, fewer and the same; compare size and quantity; explore simple patterns and shapes.

KEY WORDS count • number • more • fewer • same • big • small • in • on • under • pattern • shape

OUR WORLD

AUTUMN 1 • OUR LOCAL WORLD

- Talk about our homes and nursery; notice autumn changes and explore leaves, sticks, plants and animals.

AUTUMN 2 • MATERIALS & CELEBRATIONS

- Explore materials through our senses; notice how things feel and join in with Christmas and other celebrations.

KEY WORDS home • nursery • family • autumn • leaf • stick • tree • material • rough • smooth • celebration

OUR FIRST ADVENTURE

Starting somewhere new is a big step! We will settle gently, build relationships, learn our routines and feel happy, safe and confident through play.

✿ Happy • safe • curious • kind ✿

CREATIVE PLAY

AUTUMN 1

- Make intentional marks, draw familiar people and objects, explore crayons and chalk, and enjoy home-and-family role play.

AUTUMN 2

- Explore paint, collage and joining; make celebration artwork and use props in imaginative play.

KEY WORDS mark • draw • paint • glue • join • song • rhyme • sound • pretend • play

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

GROSS MOTOR

- Move safely around indoor and outdoor spaces; explore running, climbing, balancing, rolling and throwing.

FINE MOTOR & SELF-CARE

- Strengthen hands through pushing, pulling and mark making; practise coats, shoes, handwashing and managing belongings.

KEY WORDS move • climb • roll • throw • balance • mark • grip • coat • wash • help

BELONGING & RE

AUTUMN 1 • BELONGING

- Talk about who is special to us, family and carers, and begin to understand belonging in our nursery.

AUTUMN 2 • CHRISTMAS

- Explore why Christmas is special; join in with stories, songs and simple conversations about celebrations.

KEY WORDS family • care • special • belong • nursery • God • Christmas • Jesus • celebration

HOW YOU CAN HELP AT HOME

- Share a favourite story or rhyme and talk about the pictures.
- Talk about familiar people, places and what your child notices.
- Count everyday objects together – 1, 2, 3!

- Encourage your child to notice shapes, patterns and things that are the same or different.
- Practise simple independence such as coats, shoes, handwashing and tidying away.

Small steps and lots of reassurance make a big difference!

OUR BIG IDEAS



BELONG



EXPLORE



PLAY



GROW



FRIENDS

