

### Physical Development:

The children will continue building their physical skills by using a range of tools and equipment with increasing control and confidence. They will develop their ability to make lines and circles using movements from the shoulder and elbow, and begin to show a preference for a dominant hand. We will support them in using fine motor skills to complete tasks independently and in holding mark-making tools correctly using their thumb and fingers. The children will also learn more about healthy practices and how to look after their bodies.



### Expressive Art and Design:

The children will explore and experiment with different ways of playing instruments and making sounds, showing interest in how sound makers work. They will enjoy combining different art forms, using a variety of construction materials, joining materials together, and exploring different textures. The children will sing to themselves, create simple songs, and respond imaginatively to artworks and objects, expressing their creativity in many ways.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

The children will continue developing their confidence in group activities and daily routines, showing growing awareness of boundaries and expectations. They will explore self-aware emotions such as pride and embarrassment and begin to talk about how others might be feeling, responding with empathy and understanding. We will support them in recognising that people can have different ideas, needs and viewpoints, as well as the things that make each of us unique. The children will learn to talk about their own and others' feelings and the consequences of certain behaviours, showing care and concern for those who are important to them. They will also enjoy sharing and taking part in familiar family customs and routines.

## Year Group: Nursery

### Topic: Dinosaurs

#### Key Texts:

- Harry and a Bucketful of Dinosaurs
- Ten Minutes to Bed Little Dinosaur
- Dinosaurs Roar
- That's not my Dinosaur
- Little Green Dinosaur

### Communication and language:

The children will work on improving the accuracy of pronouncing multi-syllabic words and rapidly learn new vocabulary, which they will use to communicate confidently. They will begin to understand why and how questions and show interest in the sounds adults make when reading stories. The children will enjoy playing with sounds, songs, and rhymes, building vocabulary that reflects their wide range of experiences. They will also use language to share their feelings, experiences, and thoughts.

### Literacy:

The children will enjoy drawing freely and making their own marks, beginning to attribute meaning to the marks they create and using simple symbols to communicate ideas. They will explore early phonics by spotting and suggesting rhymes and will have opportunities to write some letters. The children will also be encouraged to make marks for their names as their early writing skills continue to develop.

### Maths:

The children will practise subitising and continue counting and recognising numbers to 3 and 4. They will also explore measurement by talking about and comparing height and length through practical, hands-on activities.

### Understanding the World:

The children will explore natural materials using all their senses and talk about what they observe. They will investigate collections of materials, noticing similarities and differences, and discuss how things work and why they happen. The children will also explore different forces, such as pushing and pulling, and observe detailed features in their environment. Alongside this, they will continue developing positive attitudes towards differences between people and will have opportunities to describe and talk about their own family members.