

HARLYN PRIMARY SCHOOL
Summer Term Curriculum Information

Nursery

Date: April 2026

Topics: 'Growing' and 'Journeys'

Personal Social and Emotional Development
The children will continue to develop their social skills through play by sharing, turn-taking and negotiating. They will grow in self-confidence and independence and if your child is turning four we will begin the transition process into Reception.
Physical Development
The children will learn how to control and co-ordinate their bodies and learn how to move creatively and safely. They will develop both fine and gross motor skills such as jumping, running, balancing, throwing, catching, cutting, sticking and holding a pencil, and will continue to develop the skills to enable them to use small and large equipment and tools appropriately. We will also take part in Nursery Sports Day where we will use our throwing, catching and balancing skills. If your child is moving to Reception in September please encourage them to use the toilet and to begin dressing and undressing independently.
Communication and Language
We will continue to develop communication and language skills through discussion, role play, rhymes and stories. The children will learn and use new vocabulary relating to topics and join in speaking and listening circle time games.
Literacy
We have a daily phonics session to encourage sound recognition and we practise mark making and letter formation by drawing the letter in the air, in sand, painting or using a pencil. We will be learning about writing lists, labelling pictures and retelling stories. We will also be learning to recognise and write our names to get us ready for Reception. Ongoing activities include the writing table, painting easel, the reading corner, the role play area and a weekly library session.
Mathematics
The children will learn through number rhymes, games and puzzles and we will continue to develop number skills to 10 and above (counting, recognising and ordering). We will also be learning about measuring (comparing lengths and heights), positional language, shape and patterns.
Understanding the World
In our topic work we will be learning about how people, plants and animals grow and how things change. We will also be learning about journeys, travel and transport (road, rail, sea, air, space). Children also have access to computers, sand and water play, construction toys, and small world toys and will also take part in cooking activities.
Expressive Arts and Design
The children will develop techniques using a range of media. They will act out stories to retell them, engage in pretend play, listen to music and explore the sounds musical instruments make. We will also be learning about colour mixing and construct items using a range of materials. The children will continue to develop control when painting and have access to the junk bar.
Additional Information
Aspects of each area of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum will be represented through outdoor play where we will learn through both focused activities and free play. Please support your child at home by reinforcing the sound of the week and encouraging them to recognise and write their name. Please send in your child's Harlyn book bag on a Wednesday so that we can change their library book and check for any letters. Please also remember to provide a change of clothes in a named Harlyn PE bag which we will keep at Nursery on their peg. Children are provided with a piece of fruit each day. If you would like your child to receive free milk please register at coolmilk.com .