Communication and Language

- Enjoy listening to longer stories and can remember much of what happens
- Know many rhymes and songs, talks about familiar books and tell a long story
- Able to express a point of view and use words as well as actions to debate when they disagree
- Start a conversation with an adult or a friend and continue for many turns
- Develop pronunciation
- Develop understanding of irregular past tense (ran, swam)

Mathematics

- Subitise to 3 quickly without counting
- Say one number for each item in order (1:1 counting)
- Understand cardinal principle (the number you end on is the amount in a group)
- Show finger numbers to 5
- Compare quantities using "more or less than"
- Compare objects' size, length, weight and capacity
- Explore 2D shapes using "sides, corners, flat, round"

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Play with one or more other children and elaborating ideas
- Find solutions to conflicts and suggesting other ideas
- Develop sense of responsibility and membership of a community
- Talk about their feelings using words like "happy, sad, angry or worried"
- Gradually start understanding how others might be feeling

Physical Development

- Develop movement, balancing, riding (scooters, trikes) and ball skills
- Start taking part in group activities made up by themselves or teams
- Use one-handed tools (making snips in paper with scissors)
- Show preference for a dominant hand
- Increase independence in personal care needs (brushing teeth, washing hands, toileting)

Literacy

- Understand key concepts about print (has meaning, English reads left to right, page sequencing)
- Develop phonological awareness to spot rhymes, count or clap syllables, initial sounds
- Engage in extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary
- Use some of print and letter knowledge in early writing (pretend shopping lists, etc)

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Important Events
Bonfire Night
Remembrance Day
Diwali
Christmas



Understanding the World

- Use all their senses in exploring natural materials
- Understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and living things
- Begin to make sense of their own life story and family history
- Continue to develop positive attitudes about people's differences
- Talk about differences between materials and change they notice

Characteristics of Effective Teaching and Learning

- Use stimuli to motivate and inspire visits, visitors, artefacts, books, videos, outside learning, our locality.
- Creative thinkers, independent learners, real-life challenge, controlled risk-taking, resourcefulness, collaboration, thinking skills.
- Collaborative learning, care for the environment, share talents, make decisions, links in and around Peterlee, other communities and the environment.

Expressive Arts and Design

- Take part in pretend play, using an object to represent something else
- Begin to develop complex stories using Small World equipment (animals, doll houses, trains)
- Construct imaginative and complex small worlds using blocks and construction kits
- Explore different materials freely, develop their own ideas of how to use them
- Respond to different sounds they have heard, expressing their thoughts and feelings
- Remember and sing entire songs
- Play instruments with increasing control to express their feelings and ideas