



## Autumn 2 Term – Day Care Curriculum Overview

This term in Day Care, our provision is based around the theme *All About Me*:

**English:** In Day Care, children aged 9 months and over will continue to enjoy a wide range of stories, including *The Journey Home from Grandpa's*, *This Is the Bear*, *The Train Ride*, *Naughty Bus* and *On the Way Home*. Through these stories, children will develop their early communication and language skills, build their listening and attention, and begin to explore new words and sounds. Sharing books together will help foster a love of stories, encourage curiosity and support children's early literacy development in a fun and engaging way.

**Mathematics:** This half-term, children will begin to explore early mathematical concepts through fun, hands-on activities. They will practise counting cars and carriages, sorting toys by colour and exploring how far they can hop or travel. Children will also develop their spatial awareness by exploring different spaces and beginning to understand positional words such as in front of, behind, near and far. These experiences will help build early counting, sorting, measuring and problem-solving skills through play and exploration.

**Personal, Social & Emotional Development:** Children will be supported to develop their confidence as they explore new places and experiences on a journey. They will be encouraged to seek help from a trusted adult when needed and begin to recognise how others may be feeling. Through play and everyday interactions, children will develop their early social skills, learning to ask for support when play becomes difficult and building positive relationships with those around them.

**Communication & Language:** Children will continue to develop their early communication and language skills through stories, songs and everyday interactions. Building on familiar key words such as love, hug, share, family, friend and kind, children will be encouraged to copy simple phrases, join in with repeated refrains and explore exciting sounds from their stories, such as "Chuff chuff, whoo whoo!" and "Beep beep!" They will begin to use single words and short phrases to name familiar people and communicate their needs. Babies will be supported through babbling, eye contact, gestures, turn-taking sounds, greetings and familiar words from their home languages.

**Physical Development:** During this half-term, children will develop their physical skills through fun, movement-based activities inspired by journeys and transport. They will have opportunities to steer, hop and race along a ribbon path, as well as explore steering-wheel play and printing with toy wheels. Babies will be encouraged to develop their gross motor skills through crawling, pulling themselves up to stand and exploring their surroundings. These experiences will support children's coordination, balance, strength and confidence in movement.

**Expressive Arts & Design:** Children will continue to explore their creativity through a range of activities inspired by vehicles and journeys. They will enjoy creating vehicle collages, experimenting with printing using toy wheels and engaging in small-world play with different vehicles. Children will also be encouraged to join in with familiar travel songs, exploring rhythm, sounds and movement. These experiences will support their imagination, creativity and sensory exploration while allowing them to express themselves through art, music and play.

**Understanding the World:** Children will continue to explore the world around them through stories, play and everyday experiences linked to journeys and transport. They will discover different types of transport, look at old and new vehicles and learn about the people who drive them. Children will be encouraged to share experiences of familiar journeys, such as visiting family members or going to Grandpa's house. Through role play, they will explore everyday technology, including telephones and tills, while also noticing puddles, changes in the weather, the seasons and what they can see through a window. These experiences will help children make connections with their own lives and develop curiosity about the world around them.

**Things you can do in your Local Area to support this?**

- Take a trip to the **Science Museum** where you can explore the fascinating machines, vehicles, sounds and technology as a family and explore moving wheels and moving parts.
- Visit **Kensington Gardens** where you can observe changing seasons, trees, birds and puddles and explore nature.
- Take a trip to **the British Library** to take part in free Family Station activities with creative resources that you can explore, make and play with.
- Walk around **Battersea Park** to enjoy a walk, observe the lake and wildlife, and explore the sights and sounds of the outdoors.