Curriculum October- November



At Ruislip Stars Nurseries our curriculum is child-led. Due to the nature of our setting, intakes occur regularly throughout the year and there is no set start date for a new cohort. This means that the children arrive at the setting with different starting points. For new starts, we support the child through our well-developed settling in curriculum.

Once children are settled, our curriculum plan is ambitious and ensures children have ample opportunities to learn and practice the new set of skills and knowledge being delivered.

The curriculum is designed to meet specific learning goals for individual children as well identified cluster groups of children. The overarching principles of the seven areas of learning and safeguarding are embedded and focused in all aspects of learning and play.

Purpose of this curriculum

Statement gaps from online learning journey shows this area of learning is yet to secure – please ensure observations against this area of learning are recorded for each child

CL

0-36 – Make themselves understood and can become frustrated when they cant.

Understand simple instructions

PSED

0-36 – Feel strong enough to express a range of emotions

PD

0-36 – Develop manipulation and control

Show an increasing desire to be independent

Week commencing: (Alisha/Ayesha)						
		Stories: Goldilocks and the three bears				
		Song of the week: Whined the bobbin up				
W.C 17 th November 2025	Use large and small motor skills to do things independently	Small world:				
		Animal rescue – tape put over the tuff tray and animals hidden underneath, children to use tweezers to rescue the animals.				
		Garden play	Show an increasing			
		Putting the washing out – using clips and clothes to hang them up	desire to be independent			
		Arts and crafts:				
		Making collages using different coloured paper and coloured tissue paper (ripping and sticking). Drawing around different objects to create our shapes for each picture	Show an understanding of how to do things independently			
		Mixing water with flour to make playdough in the tough tray, each child will have to knead the dough to create their very own playdough.				
		Group games:				
		Threading beads of different sizes (large beads only) to make patterns – counting the beads up to 5				
		Threading letters onto string, letter recognition				

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		Busy books – challenging the children with things such as zips and buttons	
		Sensory play:	
		Water play – different sized cups and jugs to pour water into the cups using their fine motor skills and hand eye coordination	
		Free play/Group times:	
		Using plastic scissors to cut up different materials. Modelled how to use these	
		Safeguarding:	
		Meal and snack times:	
		To be able to use a fork during mealtimes	
		Toileting and intimate care:	
		To pull their trousers up and down during nappy changes / toileting	
		Settling and soothing children if sleepers:	
		All activities adapted to support / challenge and include all children through planned interventions throughout the day	
		Stories: Elmer in the snow	
W.C 24 th November 2025	Use large and small motor skills to do things independently	Song of the week: Jingle bells	
		Small world:	
		Save the animals from the sand- using spades and other resources to dig in the sand to find the animals	
		Washing the animals- handling sponge and cleaning animalsusing language 'it's dirty, I got to make the pig clean'.	To be able to control a pen within lines
		Garden play	
		Bike races -if your favourite fruit is apple can you ride the bike to the sand pit	To follow simple instructions
		Building towers using the soft blocks to create a tunnel	
		Toy hunt- can you find the pink bike? Where are the teddies hiding?	Gain confidence when using tools
		Arts and crafts:	
		White board letters- tracing the outline of the different patterns and letters on the white boards	Gain control of whole-body
		Santa/ reindeer decoration making	movements
		Drawing the characters from the book of the week	
		Using shape cutters to stamp shapes on to paper then colour within the lines/ dip shapes into paint and press onto paper creating and outline.	
		Group games:	

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Music- Using instruments while learning Christmas songs

Sorting blocks into colour groups counting then groups then creating a building with them

Sensory play:

Colourful flour-creating shapes in the flour using fingers and paintbrushes

Free play/Group times:

Independent dress up – can you pull up the dress?

Learning to put their shoes on and off

Play dough shapes

Safeguarding:

Meal and snack times:

To be able to use a fork during mealtimes

To be able to start serving themselves

Toileting and intimate care:

To pull their trousers up and down during nappy changes / toileting

Settling and soothing children if sleepers:

All activities adapted to support / challenge and include all children through planned interventions throughout the day