

Centaurus curriculum March/April



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 - Nicole
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
Communication and language: To learn new vocabulary
Physical development: Develop small motor skills to that they can use a range of tools competently
Personal, social and emotional development: Show resilience in the face of a challenge

Date	Intent (what we are planning to teach)	Impact (what we want from the activity) Learnt outcomes
Week commencing 23 rd March 2026	Explore 2D/3D shapes	Combine shapes to make a new one
Week commencing 30 th March 2026		Identify and explore 2D/3D shapes
Week commencing 6 th April 2026		Make comparison between objects
Week commencing 13 th April 2026		To be able to build appropriately using 2D/3D shapes

<p>Planned learning opportunities – ideas:</p> <p>Searching for shapes- identifying faces/corners</p> <p>Shape construction- building with different materials (making a roof/floor)</p> <p>Playdough shape and build- edges, corners, face, flat</p>
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Shape art- making prints using sponges/junk modelling resources- flat, curved, edges

Small world shape play

Shape sorting- find something that rolls/stacks/is curved

Safeguarding:

Settling – Seek others for comfort

Mealtimes – To understand the importance of amounts/ healthy eating/trying new foods

Toileting – Understand the importance of personal hygiene