

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week your child's key person is looking at all the knowledge they have of your child and assessing whether they are meeting their developmental milestones according to their age. They will then discuss this with you at the parent meetings on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November. Below are the milestones children typically reach at 30, 36, 42 and 48 months, I have included them for your interest. Some children are developing at a different rate and/or in different ways and their progress is tracked using an alternative assessment method.

### Typical Development at 30 Months

#### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

- Watches what friends are doing and joins in with play.
- Likes to help you when you are busy, e.g. putting shopping away.
- Begins to assert independence and challenge boundaries.

#### **Communication and Language**

- Is interested in books and stories.
- Can stop what they are doing and can listen to you.
- Uses lots of new words.
- Beginning to use words like, me, I and you.

#### **Physical Development**

- Can run around, change direction and slow down so they don't bump into things.
- Can make lines and marks.
- Builds a tower.



### Typical Development at 36 Months

#### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

- Shows an interest in others and makes new relationships.
- Explores new environments.

#### **Communication and Language**

- Responds to questions and instructions.
- Asks for help if they need it.
- Speaks in simple sentences.

#### **Physical Development**

- Uses the toilet with some support.
- Moves around their environment with awareness and control.
- Manages a range of equipment purposefully e.g. can use a spade to fill a bucket.

#### **Literacy**

- Enjoys sharing books with adults.
- Uses simple marks including lines, curves and circular movements.

#### **Maths**

- Shows an awareness of number.
- Uses mathematical language in their play e.g. big, small, heavy, light.



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## Typical development at 42 months

### **Personal and Social and Emotional Development**

- Shows awareness of the feelings of others.
- Knows what they want to play with and where to find it.
- Plays with others.

### **Communication and Language**

- Sings songs and rhymes.
- Talks with other children.
- Listens and responds to things said by others.
- Able to follow an instruction with two parts e.g. Get your coat and open the door.

### **Physical Development**

- Uses the toilet independently.
- Climbs, runs and jumps with confidence.
- Uses toys and tools safely.

### **Literacy**

- Enjoys listening to stories and making up play scenarios.
- Makes many different marks, including closed shapes, e.g. circles.

### **Maths**

- Knows how to solve everyday problems in their play e.g. how to get water from one place to another.
- Recognises some numbers and shows an interest in counting.



## Typical development at 48 months

### **Personal and Social and Emotional Development**

- Can play with others, sharing what they are using with help.
- Plays imaginatively with other children.
- Confident to have a go and try new things.

### **Communication and Language**

- Talks about what they are doing and things they remember.
- Starts conversations with familiar people and asks questions.
- Listens when they are in a group with other children.

### **Physical Development**

- Can dress themselves with some support.
- Gives new challenges a go and is aware of their own safety.
- Uses resources with some control, e.g. can pour from a jug into a cup.

### **Literacy**

- Looks at books and has some favourites.
- Makes marks to represent their name and talks about their drawings.
- Knows the difference between pictures and words.

### **Maths**

- Beginning to count objects in their play.
- Understands how different shapes fit together e.g. in their art work or block play.
- Will notice who has more or less e.g. who has more trains or pieces of fruit.



### Healthy heart checks:

One you Surrey will be visiting **The Spinney on 8<sup>th</sup> November from 10am – 3pm** to deliver Healthy Heart checks to people aged 35 and over, this is a drop-in session and the checks will last approximately 10 minutes. **The checks are primarily for people who live in or are registered with a GP within the Surrey Heartlands area.** Please drop in for a check.

If you have any queries or concerns please do contact me. We are here to support you all.

Kind regards

*Sally*

Headteacher



### Dates for your diary:

**24 – 28 October: half-term. Nursery closed.**

**7 November: Parent meetings** with your child's key person.

**Week beginning 21 November: Come and play sessions** at nursery.

**28 November: Nursery closed** for staff training.

**16 December: Term ends at 12pm.**

NB: There will be several **Christmas** events which will be confirmed in a few weeks.

**19 December – 4 January: Nursery closed.**

**5 January: Children return to nursery.**