

The Bloomingdales News

January, February, March and April 2020

We conclude our Pre-School journey with many AWE...some memories, meaningful learning, bonding with peers/teachers and fun activities which cater to the all - round development of the children at Bloomingdales.

AWE...some learning about:

My Loved ones-

- My Neighbourhood
- Transport
- My School

Life Around Me -

- Plants
- Animals
- Courtesy and Conservation (on-going)

AWE...some Celebrations -

- Republic Day
- Makar Sankranti
- Holi



MY MOTOR COORDINATION



Gross Motor Coordination:
(movement and strengthening of arms and legs)

Activities

- Walking backwards
- Hopping on one leg
- Throwing, catching and bouncing the ball.
- Tugging
- Playing organized instructional games like relays.

• Yoga

Dance:

- Granny's farm
- Scare crow
- Bean song
- Rain drops
- Shetkari
- Walking through the jungle
- Worm song
- Tractor song
- Down by the bay
- School chalein hum

MY MOTOR COORDINATION



Fine Motor Coordination:

(strengthening grip over writing tools)

Activities

- Flour dough moulding to make vehicles
- Painting with cars
- Leaf Printing
- Thumb Painting
- Colouring with wet chalk
- Paper- crumpling, cutting, sticking
- Origami- Fish
- Paper tearing and sticking within confined lines.
- Outlining patterns with indigenous materials.
- Tracing
- Stenciling
- Still Art

- Mandala art
Colouring
- Writing with
different writing
tools
- Other activities
done on a regular
basis that help
strengthen eye-
hand co-ordination

MY SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Some activities that promote emotional and social development:

- Informal interaction
with peers and
teachers.
- Comprehending the given
instructions which helps
them to be self-reliant
and independent.
- Helping peers in various
activities.
- Playing team games.
- Inculcating moral values
through stories.

MY LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

Listening Skills



- Some games and
activities that enhance
their listening skills and
improve concentration
like quizzes, games with
simple rules, etc

Stories:

- Betty's car
- Jumbo Dumbo
- The Coconut Tree
- Shared Reading-
Maverick Early
Readers (Graded
books.

		<p><u>Audio - Visual:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying the animal and it's sound • Makar Sankranti in different parts of India <p><u>Songs and Rhymes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood • Ways to travel • Animals • School • The green grass • Seed life
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Speaking Skills</u></p> 	<p>Encouraging the children to express freely and confidently through activities like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informal interactions with peers and teachers. • Storytelling. • Puppet play • Role-play • Dramatization • Enacting and speaking the dialogue given.
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Reading</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying and associating symbols and captions • Encouraging the children to read all environmental print. • Sentence-Picture association. • Shared reading • Reading simple age appropriate graded stories.

Writing



- Word within a word (form word using the letters of the given word)
- Word Search
- Rebus Story
- Unscramble the number names
- Writing phrases
- Complete the predictable sentences
- Read, draw and write the sentences
- Copying sentences from:
 - Book,
 - Sentence cards,
 - Board
- Writing sentences from picture cards
- Writing sentences on an object given
- Picture composition

MATH CONCEPTS

Numbers



- Arrange the numbers from small to big.
- Arrange the numbers from big to small.
- Fill in the missing numbers.
- Informal addition - one more, two more, three more
- Informal subtraction - one less
- Concept of Fractions (whole, half, quarter)
- Number Conservation
- Location words

- Word problems
- Sets (Recap)
- Seriation (recap)

Songs

Animals

Animals are big, animals are small.
Animals can walk and fly and swim and crawl.
Animals are special, unique and colourful,
Animals of every kind are all so wonderful.

A cow is a mammal, a trout is a fish,
A beetle is an insect, I'll tell you more than this.
A turtle is a reptile, a robin is a bird,
A frog is an amphibian, I love to say each word.
(Ch.)

A whale is a mammal, a shark is a fish,
A bee is an insect, I'll tell you more than this.
A snake is a reptile, a penguin is a bird,
A toad is an amphibian, I love to say each word.
(Ch.)

School

We come to school five times a week,
To sing and dance and play.
We work a lot and play a lot,
Till it's time to go away.

Our teacher tells us stories,
A different one each day.
We work a lot and play a lot,
Till it's time to go away.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday, off to school.
Saturday, Sunday - holidays,
And that's a lovely rule.

My neighbourhood

Oh I'm looking round my neighbourhood,
And what do I see?
Some houses and cars,
And kids like me.
There are stores with things to buy,
And they really look good!
I see people going shopping
In my neighbourhood.

There's a school and a tree.
I can see the Post Office and the Pharmacy.
Oh boy! I'm in luck!
I can even see a shiny red fire-truck.

Oh I'm looking round my neighbourhood,
And what do I see?
Some houses and cars,
And kids like me.
I see people and their pets,
And it makes me feel good
To know that I'm part
Of my neighbourhood.

There's a school and a tree...

Ways to travel

When I need to travel there's lots of ways to go.
I can travel fast or I can travel slow.
When I need to travel to get from here to there,
There's lots of ways to travel,
On land, by sea or air.

The green grass

There was a hole in the middle of the ground.
The prettiest hole that you ever did see.
Well, a hole in the ground,

**And the green grass grew all around, all around,
And the green grass grew all around.**

And in that hole there was a tree,
The prettiest tree that you ever did see.
Well, a tree in the hole
And the hole in the ground,

**And the green grass grew all around, all around,
And the green grass grew all around.**

And on that tree there was a branch,
The prettiest branch that you ever did see.
Well, a branch on the tree,
And a tree in the hole,
And the hole in the ground,

**And the green grass grew all around, all around,
And the green grass grew all around.**

And on that branch there was a nest...
And in that nest there was an egg...
And in that egg there was a bird...

Driving down the road in a bus or in a car.
Riding in a train if I need to go quite far.
Sailing in a ship across the ocean blue.
Flying in an aeroplane, the fastest thing to do.

When I need to travel...

Seed life

A seed is planted,
first a root,
then a stem,
and a leaf,
and a bud,
comes out.

The bud grows bigger,
into a flower.

Bees and birds come
around to eat.

Bees and birds
help flowers spread
their new seeds
on the garden bed...

A seed is planted.



Courtesy and Conservation (on-going)

We attempt through our endeavors to create an open-mindedness in the young minds of the children so that they learn to co-exist and accept all living things in a harmonious balance for nature.

- ✚ It's important to nurture your early reader in a way that helps make reading a daily habit and a lifelong love.
- ✚ Reading is a skill, and like many other skills, it takes time to develop. So make it fun and playful reading time for your child.
- ✚ Let your budding reader choose a book from the link given below!
- ✚ <https://storyweaver.org.in/stories?sort=Relevance>

**Help Us Help Your Child!
Happy Holidays!**