Dear Early Years Parents and Carers, This half term is all about our school value 'Be Bold'. Please follow us on X @GCPSNursery, Instagram @muddybairnsgcps and Seesaw to continue to see your child's learning. Best wishes, Miss Ware	What will my child be learning in the Early Years? There are three prime areas of learning: Communication and Language Development Personal, Social and Emotional Development Physical Development. There are four core areas of learning: Literacy, Maths, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design	In addition, the 'Characteristics of Effective Learning' underpin learning and development across all areas and support the child to remain an effective and motivated learner. The Characteristics of Effective Learning are: Playing and exploring, engagement, active Learning, motivation, creating and thinking and critically-thinking.	The world is waiting for your.
 In Communication and language we are learning to: talk about events now and in the past using appropriate tenses. generate and complete causative sentences. follow two part instructions. begin to "read along" with very familiar books. comment on books as they are being read. add own ideas to orally innovate familiar stories 	~you are capable of changing a situati	be bold	 In personal, social and emotional we are learning to: Articulate simple rules to other children. Use a wider range of adjectives to describe feelings of friends and characters in books and films. Help other children by directing them towards activities and resources and solving simple practical tasks for or with them. Initiate simple plans to resolve conflict such as offering to go second or passing over a resource. Spontaneously carry out a job for others in the group, like putting shared toys away or finding a lost shoe. Take a role in domestic play and speak from another point of view.

 In Maths we are learning to: Link numerals to sets within 5. Predict changes in amounts in stories and rhymes, counting forwards and backwards Use a few of their own symbols and marks to represent mathematical experiences. Combine 2D and 3D shapes to make new shapes and narrate the effects created. Compare area of 2D shapes by placing them on top of each other identifying and naming bigger and smaller Participate accurately in ABAB repeated patterns of actions. Join in making AB patterns. Recognise ABC patterns Talk about things that have already happened and things that are going to happen. 	 In Literacy we are learning to: Name and locate favourite books and give very brief descriptions of plot elements or characters. Re-enact very short excerpts from favourite texts using puppets or small world figures. Use the structure of the text to anticipate when to join in. Suggest what might happen next in unfamiliar books, drawing on the plot so far. Distinguish between the text and the illustrations. Notice very familiar letter symbols in the environment such as letters from their name. Have a repertoire of known rhymes. Complete a phrase with the final rhyming word. Accurately claim familiarity with a small number of symbols such as letters from their names, house numbers Use imitative writing during role play. Demonstrate a hand preference. Write symbols in an order which approximate to their name. Use a modified tripod grip, sometimes with support. Clap the beats in a word Begin to identify initial sounds from a choice of 2 or 3 Begin to join in with Fred-talking activities 	 In physical development we are learning to: Move pompoms or marbles by flicking Drive ride on toys at speed, using the pedals and steering round obstacles. Drive a 'hand bike' Collaborate with others to transport large items safely. Copy adults to move in a variety of ways. Use a knife and fork independently for some foods. Use a modified tripod grip to make marks, including enclosed spaces. (some support with gip) Repeat the same mark making movement with control and ascribe meaning to marks. Play follow my leader in a small group, imitating a range of gross motor movements. Skip to travel (no rope) Begins to cut around a shape Hop a very short distance, alternating legs 	 In Understanding the world we are learning to: Actively explore the properties of everyday materials through spontaneous experimentation, narrating findings. Answer closed and anticipatory questions in simple adult led experiments about the properties of materials Begin to make simple predictions in adult-led experiments, sometimes with scaffolding from an adult Use remote control toys to a particular end and explain how to d it. Work alongside adults imitating their actions as they care for living things. Narrate a stage at a time the way growing plant or animal is changing. Describe and enact some of the roles of community figures Generate simple stories inspired by props. Create original stories with small world figures, including dialogue Use mark making tools to make ver simple representational drawings.

		- Know by heart most of the words of	
		simple repetitive songs and melodic	
		nursery rhymes.	