



# Curriculum Newsletter



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## Nursery

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### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will continue to focus on well-being, feelings and emotions through circle times, games and adult support during play and learn activities. The children may have feelings about Reception which we will talk about and explore. We will develop our skills when playing as part of a group, responding to others' ideas and beginning to resolve problems with more independence using strategies we've learnt so far.

### Books we will be reading

There are so many lovely traditional tales. These are the ones we will focus on in Nursery, but we will read so many more: [The Three Little Pigs](#), [Jack and the Beanstalk](#), [The Gingerbread man](#) and [Goldilocks and the Three Bears](#). Your child may find a favourite and want to hear it or tell it themselves many times, have fun!

### Mathematics

We will be doing lots of practise to develop our counting skills over the next few weeks. The first few minutes of this [numberblocks](#) clip explains the three rules of counting. We will also be singing our [count to 20 song](#) and comparing objects by size and quantity. Have a look at the [Key Instant Recall Facts](#) that we work on in Nursery.

### Physical Development

We will be building our strength and coordination on the trim trail and the climbing equipment in the garden. We will also practise physical skills such as running, balancing, throwing and catching.

This half term we will be focusing on our pencil grip (using a three finger tripod grip) and making our hands and fingers really strong with all our Funky fingers activities such as threading, playdough, pegs and tweezers.

### Our Topic:



### Water bottles and lunch boxes

Water helps to keep our brains active and ready to learn, and as the weather heats up it is essential that the children have access to water every day. Please send in a named water bottle with your child/ren each day. If your child brings in a packed lunch you may want to put an ice pack in to ensure foods such as yoghurts are kept chilled.

### Communication and Language

We will be learning the concepts; day, through, less, all, night and quick with our friend Concept Cat. Use these words and actions during games and playing together at home to help your child remember them.

We will continue to develop our listening skills, please encourage your child to follow simple instructions and to listen to all the words. We will use signs to help us listen to and join in with stories like this version of the [Gingerbread Man](#) with Justin Fletcher. We will also develop our vocabulary related to story settings and characters.

## Understanding the World

During our fun in the forest sessions we will be building homes for minibeasts and going on lots of hunts to see what creatures we can find. We will learn how to develop care and concern for living things and their habitats and our knowledge about animals who live in the woods or who are characters in our stories.

## Expressive Arts and Design

We will be using a range of media to create artwork inspired by our topic as well as learning songs related to our stories. We will be acting out stories using masks, puppets and other resources that we can transform.

## Literacy

We are continuing to practise our phonic work by listening for initial sounds, rhymes and syllables in words as well as beginning to blend sounds in words using our robot arms. Our 'Write Dance' work will continue to develop our large muscles ready for writing.

## Independence in Nursery

The children in Nursery are working hard to develop their independence skills and we are super proud of them. Skills we will focus on this half term are; -putting our jumpers on (and pulling the sleeves the correct way) and putting shoes and socks on. It will also benefit your child to practise opening wrappers and have a go at cutting up their own food ready for lunch time in September.

## Weather

Hopefully the sunny weather has arrived! It is essential your child comes to Nursery ready to play and learn both inside and out and will need a named sun hat that will need to be worn along with sun cream applied before arriving at Nursery. Children who stay all day may either wear an all day cream or bring a named bottle to apply themselves at lunchtime.

## Getting ready for Reception

A lovely story to share is '[Harry and the Dinosaurs go to School](#)'. It has lots of opportunities to discuss what your child likes about Nursery and how they feel about moving to Reception. There may be some things they are unsure about and you will be able to answer many of these yourself but if you're unsure please get in touch.

## Home Learning

Try designing a new house for the three little pigs or a boat to help the gingerbread man cross the river.

Build a den with your family in your house, garden or even in the woods if you go for a walk!

Have a go at cooking some of the things from traditional tales for example; gingerbread men or porridge. Maybe try different toppings to see which you like best (I like raisins or bananas)!

Please record your home learning on Tapestry, we would love to see what your child has been doing and learning about while they're at home.