



Curriculum Newsletter



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Nursery



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Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term we will initially spend time revisiting the rules and expectations of the Nursery setting. There are aspects of this you can support at home such as using manners, taking turns and being kind and considerate to others.

Our Topic:

All about Autumn!

This topic is a great chance for the children to get outside and enjoy the changing season. If you go on any Autumn Walks please take photos or bring items like conkers, leaves, and seeds in to share.

Communication and Language

We will be continuing to develop our speech and conversational skills this half term. Aspects such as taking turns to speak and then to listen are key to holding a conversation with others and this is something you can practise at home too.

Physical Development

This half term we will work on our gross motor skills in PE sessions by using equipment which we can travel over, under, around and through. In class we will have a range of tools and activities which work on strengthening our fingers and improving their dexterity. This will include using scissors, mark making tools, pegs, threading and many more too!

Books we will be reading

Throughout this half term we will be sharing stories which are linked to Autumn, British Wildlife and the celebrations within the season, these will include The Gruffalo, Owl Babies, Tree and towards the last few weeks we will of course begin to share some Christmas Stories.

Literacy

Our Literacy focus this half term will be closely linked to books, we want children to become familiar with stories so that they can extend their language linked to stories we have shared. There will also be lots of opportunities for children to mark make, both with pens and pencils but also with chalks, paintbrushes and within a range of textures.

Understanding the World

This will be closely linked to our topic as the children will be encouraged to explore and discuss the changes the Autumn season brings. It will also include aspects such as British Wildlife and building homes for them with suitable materials. We hope to begin Forest School in the next few weeks - look out for a letter and an epraise about this exciting learning opportunity.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will continue to have access to a wide range of media and materials. We will link closely to our topic to provide specific art and craft opportunities such as Firework Artwork, conker rolling and Gruffalo creations. We will also link songs, dancing and role play into our topic.

Mathematics

We continue to practise our numbers and counting skills this half term, looking closely at numbers to 5 and linking them to numicon. There will also be opportunities to learn about 2D shapes. We will also be looking at some positional language such as in front and behind.

Independence in Nursery

This area is still one of absolute importance within the Nursery, and also an area we really rely on you to support at home. Last half term we worked really hard on putting on our own coats, and using the 'Montessori Flip' most children are doing this themselves! This half term, as the weather gets wetter and colder, we will be working on zips so please make sure you take the time to practise this at home too.

Weather

We use the outdoors daily and the children need to be suitably dressed to access this. As mentioned within the 'Independence in Nursery' section the weather is beginning to turn wetter and colder so you may want to send in (named) warm, waterproof coats, hats, gloves and 'snoods' or neck warmers (these are more practicable than scarves and also safer for the children).

What does your child need to bring to Nursery

Daily:

- a named water bottle (not in the book bag)
- a book bag

Half Termly (these can stay at Nursery):

- spare clothes in a named bag
- wellington boots (named) in a named bag

Home Learning

Nursery Rhymes - singing rhymes is a great way to support your child's Literacy skills. The BBC have some lovely compilations which can be found on YouTube (search - BBC Nursery Rhymes).

Bedtime Stories - reading is a great way to develop a range of skills and share a special few minutes with your child. Please try and build this into your bedtime routine and let us know your favourite stories!

Please record your home learning on Tapestry, or email photos to Mrs Banks or Mrs Spooner. We love to see and share the children's Home Learning.