



Curriculum Newsletter



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to Nursery!

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Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term is all about your children becoming settled in the Nursery environment. They are learning names and developing friendships alongside the Nursery routines and expectations. We will also be talking about our feelings and how our actions can affect those around us.

Our Topic:

Marvellous Me!

This topic helps us to get to know your children, so that they are happy and settled within the Nursery and we can plan for their learning.

If you can, please send in a family photograph to support this aspect of the topic or email it to Mrs Banks or Mrs Spooner.

Communication and Language

We know that becoming effective communicators supports children in all aspects of their learning.

We are supporting children to learn about taking turns in conversations, listening to the adults and their peers within the Nursery in a variety of situations and developing vocabulary.

Physical Development

In Nursery we are working hard to develop our gross and fine motor skills. Having strong muscles and dexterous fingers support us to become effective mark makers. So we will be working on our core muscles through PE and Write Dance sessions alongside a range of daily fine motor opportunities such as threading, pegging and playdough activities.

Books we will be reading

Throughout this half term we will be sharing stories which are linked to ourselves and family life.

This will include 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas, 'Once there were Giants' by Martin Waddell and 'Peace at Last' by Jill Murphy.

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 talk about themselves and their families.

As the term progresses we will be looking at the Autumnal changes and what this looks like in the world around us.

Expressive Arts and Design

Throughout this half term we will be exploring a range of media and materials, the children will be encouraged to make representations of their faces and bodies.

We will also be exploring instruments, singing and dancing to a range of music with a particular focus on Nursery Rhymes.

Mathematics

We will be practising our counting skills in Nursery this half term, we will be working closely on our one to one correspondence skills; this means we count everything once, giving it a number.

We will also be using our fingers to represent numbers 1, 2 and 3 and developing our subitising skills.

Independence in Nursery

We encourage the children to be as independent as possible throughout the day. This may be putting coats on or it may be tidying up after themselves once they've finished at an activity.

This is an aspect of their learning which you can also support at home, please let us know if your child has learnt any new skills in this area.

Weather

The British weather continues to be as changeable as ever so please keep an eye on the daily forecast! We use the outdoors daily and the children need to be suitably dressed to access this - at the moment this may include sunscreen and hats but as the term carries on this may become warm waterproofs, hats and wellies!

What does your child need to bring to Nursery

Daily:

- a named water bottle
- a book bag (we will be sending home 'Bedtime Stories' from the w/c 3rd October)

Half Termly (these can stay at Nursery):

- spare clothes in a named bag
 - wellington boots in a named bag
- Don't forget to sign up for milk (free for under 5s) at <https://www.coolmilk.com/>

Home Learning

Nursery Rhymes - singing rhymes is a great way to support your child's Literacy skills. We have been singing lots in Nursery - Twinkle Twinkle, Baa Baa Black Sheep and the Wheels on the Bus. Which are your favourites?

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.