



Curriculum Newsletter



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Nursery



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Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our Nursery expectations are a key aspect to your children being happy and safe within the setting. We will continue to embed and reinforce these with all children. As we move towards the end of the school year we will begin reflecting on the fun we've had and the friends we gave made.

Our Topic:

An Arty Party!

This topic will allow us to explore colour, shape and a range of art processes - printing, painting, collage, sculpture and drawing.

Communication and Language

Language development continues to be a key element of learning with the Nursery. We are beginning to look at some more complex concepts and will keep you updated on these through Tapestry.

Physical Development

In PE we will be looking closely at our gross motor and arm strength - writing comes from the inside out and if our 'big' muscles (core, shoulders, elbows and wrists) are developed first then the physical elements of writing like holding and moving a pencil are easier.

Books we will be reading

We will be reading a range of stories linked to art and artists which will include;

- Wow said the Owl
- The Perfect Fit
- Pants
- Camille and the Sunflowers

Literacy

Throughout the stories we read we will be looking at the narrative elements of 'who', 'where' and 'what'. We will also be looking closely at making line and shape patterns as well as letter formation within the letters of our names.

Understanding the World

Throughout our Forest School sessions this term we will be keeping a close eye on the changing season, there are already lots of new plants and leaves emerging and new wildlife to spot too.

We will also mark the King's Coronation with a range of activities.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be inspired by the work of a range of artists and the different techniques they use this half term. We will begin by looking at the work of Alma Thomas and then go on to look at work by Wassily Kandinsky, Paul Klee, Vincent Van Gogh and also Claude Monet.

Mathematics

While we continue to look at subitising skills this term we will also look closely at shape and pattern. We will use language linked to shape to describe their properties and discuss what is the same or different about them in terms of size.

Forest School Dates

Forest School will continue to run on a Tuesday morning;

Tuesday 18th and 25th April

Tuesday 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd May

Please ensure your child comes to school with arms and legs covered e.g. leggings/joggers and long sleeved t shirts/jumpers. All waterproofs and wellies should now be back in school, please check with staff if you're unsure.

Weather

We use the outdoors daily and the children need to be suitably dressed to access this.

Please keep an eye on the weather, and send your children to school appropriately dressed, this includes their footwear. All sunscreen should be applied prior to the start of the day and a named sun hat should be available.

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

Please name all items of clothing.

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!

Don't forget to keep an eye on Tapestry for extra Home Learning Challenges and please continue sharing all the exciting things you do at home too!