



# Curriculum Newsletter



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## Nursery



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### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term we welcome 11 new children into our fantastic new setting! Our current children will be settling into the new space as well as helping to support the transition of our January starters. This half term is therefore all about re-establishing rules and routines, building friendships and learning the names of our peers.

### Our Topics:

**All About Me**  
**Brrrrrrr!**  
**People Who Help Us**

Find ideas for Home Learning on the next page.

### Mathematics

We will be continuing to count, recognise and represent numbers to 5 and will subitise to 5. We will do lots of work on 2D shapes and will begin to develop mathematical language to describe and name these shapes. We will also learn to identify simple ABAB patterns and create our own.

### Physical Development

In PE this half term we will continue to gain confidence in taking our own shoes and socks off. We will learn how to move safely with control- going over, under and through apparatus and climb above our own height. We will begin to develop core strength through a programme called 'write dance'.

### Books we will be reading

This Is Me by George Webster  
Paper Dolls by Julia Donaldson  
The Perfect Fit by Naomi Jones  
Penguin and Pinecone by Salina Yoon  
Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers  
When I Grow Up by Tim Minchin

### Communication and Language

We will continue to build our vocabulary through Story Dough sessions where we come up with our own exciting characters. We will continue to explore the concept of 'who' and introduce the concept of 'where' during Nursery Narrative sessions.

### Understanding the World

This half term we will begin to learn about why we are all unique and the importance we have in our families. We will learn about the responsibility we have in our community. We will look at simple maps to map our journey from home to school and the things we see on the way.

### Expressive Arts and Design

We will continue to mark make in our own expressive ways, learning how to create closed shapes with continuous lines and how we can use these shapes to represent objects.

### Literacy

Whilst exploring our topic books and ones related, we will continue to build a bank of new vocabulary and discuss both the text and illustrations. Our new outdoor area has a reading shed that we cannot wait to share stories in!



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## Home Learning

Week 1,2 and 3

### **All About Me**

This is a repeated topic that we aim to dig deeper into this half term, looking at families and homes, pets and more as we welcome our new starters.

Encourage your child to think about their facial features- could they draw or paint a self portrait?

You could support your child in making a simple family tree with photos or drawings.

Week 4

### **Brrrrrrr!**

In this topic we will be learning all about arctic animals and conditions, penguins in particular.

You could create a messy play scene by freezing small plastic toys in water and using child safe utensils to free them.

Talk about the weather in arctic countries and how it is different to where we live.

Click the link below to learn about a different arctic animal...

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_OZVajqxCHI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_OZVajqxCHI)

Could you draw a picture of it and bring it into school?

Week 5

### **People Who Help Us**

Whilst exploring your local community, see how many different people you can spot doing a job that is important

Peppa Pig Goes to the Dentist-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r-jrs5KQ3aA>

How might a dentist be someone who helps us?

Talk about interests and hobbies with your child. What job would they love to have when they grow up?

### **Bedtime Stories**

This half term we will continue to send home a storybook each Thursday/Friday for you to share at home with your child. These stories will be sent in book bags or large rucksacks only so please make sure your child brings this with them. We cannot send books home in small bags where the books may get bent.

Don't forget to allow your children to draw pictures in their yellow book

### **Nursery Rhymes**

Please can I continue to remind you of the emphasis that we place on nursery rhyme singing in school.

Learning repeated phrases helps children in becoming confident communicators. We will be updating our 'song basket' with some new rhymes this term. Feel free to learn them at home:

Wind the Bobbin Up

1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive

5 Little Ducks

Head Shoulders Knees and Toes

Jack and Jill

Row, Row, Row Your Boat

Round and Round the Garden

The Grand Old Duke of York

Pat a Cake

2 Little Dicky Birds

If You're Happy and You Know It

Twinke Twinkle

Please continue to share your home learning as well as new experiences or milestones on **Tapestry** so that we can celebrate these in school.



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## Reminders

### Key Dates

Forest School will resume on **Thursday 11th January.**

The next 'Stay and Play' sessions will be confirmed soon.

To support our 'All About Me' topic please can you send the following to [mlunnon@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:mlunnon@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk)

A picture of your child as a baby.

A family photo or multiple photos including those who mean the most to your child.  
Please name these people in the email. (We will be making a family display in our home corner)

An image of an item that is special to your child. This might be their teddy, a game they love to play, a book or a toy. Please ask your child which item they would choose.

We will send a reminder out however please can we have these by **Monday 15th January**

### Our New Nursery:

We hope you have all had a wonderful and refreshing Christmas break. We are looking forward to introducing you and your children to our new nursery located in the Tulip Tree centre. Please remember that drop off and pick up at the beginning and end of the school day, will be at the gate leading to our outside area. Please can we remind you to wait behind the gate at drop off until it is time to come in. Those who pick up at 11.45am or drop off at 12.30pm should continue to use the 'glass corridor'.

#### P.E.

P.E. days for nursery are Monday and Tuesday. Please send your child wearing leggings or joggers on these days.

#### Forest Fun

Forest sessions are on a Thursday morning. Please send wellies into school and ensure that your child has additional layers, an all in one suit if possible.

### 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.

#### Drinks Bottles

Please ensure that your child has a named drinks bottle with them every day.

#### Spare Clothes

Please can we also remind you to send a separate named bag of spare clothing into nursery with your child should they need a change.