



Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2025

Nursery



Physical Development

The children's gross and fine motor skills are constantly developing. The children have access to a range of wheeled toys and push along toys in our outdoor provision. They will soon be taking part in 'Dough Disco' sessions and also accessing weekly 'Squiggle while we Wiggle' sessions in order to enhance their gross and fine motor skills.

We will continue to support the children in this area in order to:

- *increase their independence by putting on coats and doing up zips
- *use one handed tools more skilfully
- *develop their movement, balancing, riding and ball skills.

Mathematics

Once the children have settled into Nursery, they will be taking part in short, fun, practical group Maths sessions.

We will be:

- *subitising
- *matching
- *sorting
- *comparing
- *exploring pattern
- *exploring 2D shapes
- *exploring weight, height and capacity

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This area of development is so important and is our main focus during the Autumn term.

This term we will support the children with:

- *talking about their feelings
- *playing with one or more other children, extending and elaborating play ideas
- *finding appropriate solutions to conflicts and rivalries
- *having confidence in new social situations

Curriculum Focus

This newsletter will give you information on all of the learning planned across the curriculum for this term. We are very led by the children so some or all of this may change!

Our first planned topic this Term is 'Me, My Family and My Marvellous World' which will be a great way for us to get to know each other. We will be talking about our families, celebrating what is special about us and starting to explore all of the big feelings we have.

We will also explore Autumn, Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas amongst other celebrations. Keep looking on Teams as we will share any future projects as well as photographs on that platform.

We would all like to say a big thank you for your support during the first few weeks as your child settles into the new routines of Nursery. If you ever have any questions, concerns or worries, please do not hesitate to speak to one of the Nursery staff.

We are all looking forward to a very exciting and busy term ahead!

Expressive arts and design

This area of learning is vital to help develop our children's love of all things creative!

This term we will be encouraging the children to:

- *take part in simple pretend play
- *sing
- *paint and draw
- *play instruments

Understanding the World

This area of learning encourages children to think about the world they live in, people around them and how things work.

The children will be finding out about:

- *themselves and their families
- *their senses, using hands on exploration of different materials and objects

Communication and Language

Speech, language and communication skills are crucial to young children's overall development. Being able to speak clearly and process speech sounds, to understand others, to express ideas and interact with others are fundamental building blocks for a child's development.

We will continue to give the children in Nursery the opportunities to:

- *experience a language rich environment
- *develop their communication skills
- *speak and listen in a range of situations
- *enjoy sharing songs, rhymes.

Literacy

We place a strong emphasis on language based group sessions linked to our stories and encourage the children to:

- *engage in extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary
- *understand that we read English text from left to right and top to bottom
- *recognise that print has meaning and can be used for different purposes
- *name the different parts of a book
- *understand the sequence of pages

As soon as the children have settled into Nursery we will be introducing short, fun, sessions of Phonics where, this term, the children will be taking part in a range of activities to encourage them to focus on sounds both in the environment and using instruments. We will also start Rhyme Time and will focus on a new rhyme each week where we will be developing our listening skills.