



Autumn 1



What are we learning in Nursery?

Key texts and topics.

Welcome to Nursery class! It has been lovely getting the children settled back in after the summer break as well as meeting our new children and families. Now that everybody is settled in I thought it would be a good idea to share some information with you about what's happening in school and how you can help at home. We love our parents/carers to be involved in their child's learning and hope that you have been enjoying the books and rhymes we have started sending home each week. Please spend time sharing these books and have fun singing the rhymes each week with your child. If you would like to contribute to the snack fund please give £3 per half term to the nursery team. We like to provide different foods for the children to share together and we aim to bake as much as possible. Thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to speak to one of the nursery team if you have any queries or concerns.

This half term we will be learning all about Dinosaurs and Autumn and most of our PSED work will be focused on making relationships and developing self esteem and confidence as the children settle in to nursery routines.



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We will be settling in to nursery after the holidays and welcoming the new children and families. We will continue to develop relationships with our friends and teachers as well as building our self esteem and confidence. We will be learning to share and take turns. We will be thinking about our feelings and the feelings of others as well as how we can be a good friend.

Miss Crawford will be teaching in nursery every Tuesday afternoon and she can't wait to meet all of the children and their families.

Physical Development

We will be developing our independence and self care skills with using the toilet confidently as well as practising fastening the zips on our coats and putting our own shoes and jumpers on. We will be using lots of writing tools as we develop our pencil grip as well as using different tools such as pipettes, tweezers, brushes, scissors and hole punchers. We will start up our Squiggle Whilst you Wiggle movement programme as we learn to move our bodies in a range of ways carefully and competently. We will practice writing our name regularly and we will be developing our early writing skills as we mark make for a range of purposes in the different areas of provision in nursery.

Communication and Language

We will be singing lots of songs about dinosaurs and nursery rhymes daily and we will be developing our communication and language as we interact lots with our teachers and with our friends in our play. We will be learning lots of new vocabulary to do with Dinosaurs and Autumn. We will continue to develop our ability to have a conversation with our teachers and friends, sharing and taking turns as well as developing our negotiating skills. We will be developing understanding by asking who, what, where and why questions to the children.



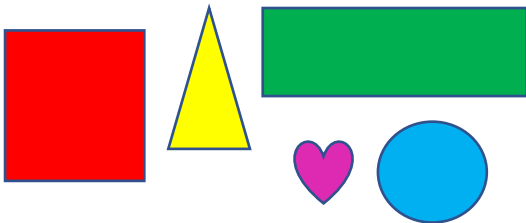
We will be singing lots of rhymes and songs as well as listening to stories that rhyme.

We will be learning to spot and suggest rhyming words as well as clapping out syllables in words.

We will be learning a different sound each week as well as blending the sounds we hear to make words.

Maths

We will be singing lots of counting rhymes as well as counting objects carefully and accurately. We will be subitising with a range of objects as well as matching amount to the numeral. We will be comparing more and less and we will be consolidating our understanding of prepositions such as under, on top, next to, behind, between, in front, above and below. We will be sorting 2d and 3d shapes as we continue to learn the names and their properties.



Understanding the World

We will be learning lots of interesting facts about Dinosaurs and the children will learn that they lived a long time ago. (History) We will be learning about seasonal changes as we move more towards Autumn. (Science/Geography) We will also be learning about our family and community in our RE work. (RE)



Expressive Arts and Design

We will be singing lots of songs and rhymes as well as playing instruments in a range of ways. We will be drawing with a range of tools as well as using different materials to make models and join materials together. We will be developing our imagination in the home corner and with the small world people, dinosaurs and animals as we join in with pretend play, acting out stories and scenarios with our friends. We will be exploring different textures as we create a sludgy swamp with a range of different materials such as soil, sand, beans and mushy peas. We will be developing our ability to describe these different textures.

How you can help your child at home

Please take a story home each week and read these every night to your child. By the end of the week your child should be able to read the story back to you which would be amazing! Please encourage your child to get dressed themselves as well as fastening the zips on their coat. Count as much as you can with your child and sing the rhyme of the week that we send home. Go on a shape hunt and talk about the shapes that you can find. Ask your child to give you a word that rhymes with.... and see if they can independently count out the number of syllables in a word. Please help your child with their toileting skills as they develop their independence with self care. You could also encourage your child to draw with a range of tools to help develop their pencil grip as well as practising to write their name.

