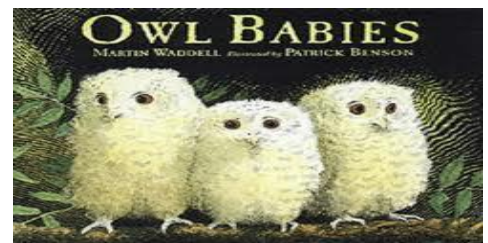
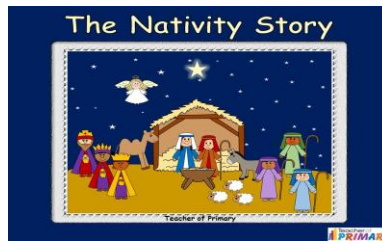


What are we learning in Nursery?

Key texts and topics.

Welcome back! Hope you've all had a lovely half term break. Over the course of the next few weeks we will be exploring Light and Dark as well as learning all about Christmas and Diwali. Jay, our amazing student teacher will be also working in nursery alongside the nursery team up until the Christmas holidays. We will be joining in with World Nursery Rhyme week in November and we look forward to all of the exciting Christmas festivities that will be happening in school. Do not forget to take a book home and share it with your child every day. Also, please encourage your child to join in with singing the rhyme of the week. 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.



P.S.E.D. and SCARF

We will be settling back in to nursery after the holidays and settling back in to routines. 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 kind and be a good friend.

In our SCARF sessions we will be valuing differences. We will be learning how we are similar and different to our friends and we will be exploring how families can be similar or different too. We will be learning about the importance of including everyone.

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 continue our Squiggle Whilst you Wiggle movement programme as we learn to move our bodies in a range of ways carefully and competently with the flipper flappers. 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 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 Light and Dark, Animals, Diwali and Christmas. 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.



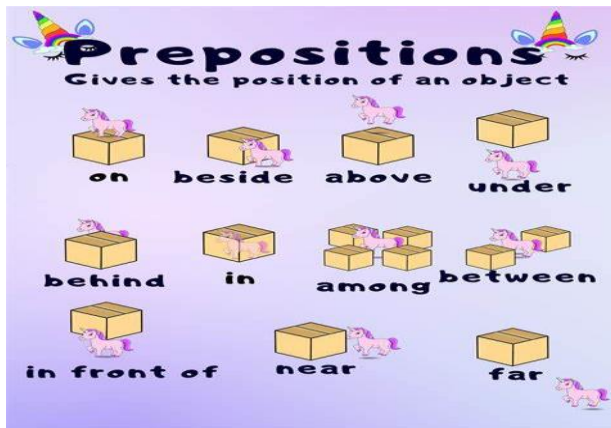
We will be singing lots of rhymes and songs as well as listening to stories that rhyme.

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 saying the numbers in order and we will be subitising with a range of objects as well as matching amount to the numeral. We will continue to consolidate our understanding of prepositions such as under, on top, next to, behind, between, in front, above and below.



Understanding the World

We will be exploring Light and Dark and we will be learning about animals that are nocturnal. (Science)
We will be learning about seasonal changes as we move more towards Winter. (Science/Geography)
We will also be learning about different special festivals across different faiths 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 learning to keep to a beat when we dance, clap and play instruments. 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 and animals as we join in with pretend play, acting out stories and scenarios with our friends. We will be colour mixing as well as using collage materials to make our creations. We will be using different light and dark paper, paints and other resources. We will create our own versions of Van Gogh's 'Starry Night' painting.

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.

