



Autumn Term 2 - Curriculum Newsletter

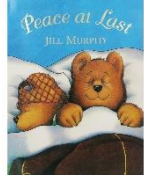
Nursery

Dear Parents & Carers,

It is lovely to see how settled and ready to learn the children have become now they are familiar with the rules and routines of nursery.

This half term we will be learning about different celebrations. We will learn about birthdays, Diwali and Christmas. We will learn about Remembrance Day and learn kindness during Anti-Bullying Week. We will learn about how we can help others through learning about Children in Need. Finally, we will be participating in World Nursery Rhyme Week, focusing on the importance learning rhymes has in children's early reading.

Our core texts for this half term are

				
The Three Little Pigs	Brown Bear, Brown Bear what do you see?	Polar Bear, Polar Bear what do you hear?	The Gingerbread Man	Peace at Last

We will be listening regularly to these stories, learning to join in repeated phrases.

We will focus on developing language skills so children can begin to communicate with others confidently. We will listen to many nursery rhymes, encouraging children to join in. Learning to sing rhymes is an extremely important step in learning to read as it helps children to notice and hear the sounds within words. The more rhymes your child is able to sing accurately the more likely they will become a confident reader as they move through school.

In maths, we will continue practising our counting skills, saying number names in order, counting as we play, for example, a tower we have made with the blocks or playing hide and seek. We will develop our noticing skills through play, learning how to recognise groups of up to three objects without counting. We will develop our ability to compare groups of objects and know which has more and fewer. We will begin to talk about time, sequencing the activities of our day. We will then move onto creating simple ABAB patterns using many different objects, inside and out.

Nursery children must wear uniform. We will continue to spend time learning outdoors so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately. Shoes should not have laces as these come undone easily. Earrings must not be worn to nursery for health and safety reasons. **All items of clothing must be named.**

Please continue to read daily with your child. Children who share books with an adult regularly at home become confident readers as they move through school. Children can change their books every day if they would like. Sometimes they may choose to bring the same book home to share. This is because they are developing a love of reading and beginning to have favourite books. Reading the same books repeatedly supports your child's understanding of how stories are structured and develop their vocabulary so they begin to use new words learnt in the stories they read as they play.

If your child draws a picture in their reading together booklet 3 times in a week, they will receive a prize on a Thursday. Children must complete the picture by themselves, do not draw it for them. The more practise your child has at drawing will enable them to learn to use shapes more effectively to draw their own recognisable pictures.

It has been wonderful to see some of the pictures you have posted of your children on Tapestry, for example their birthday, or a visit they went on during half term. Posting these pictures of what the children have been doing at home helps develop their confidence to talk about what they have done, which supports their language development.

We will continue to post pictures of your child's learning on Tapestry. Please 'like' or make a comment on their work so we know you have seen it. The children love to share their learning with you and often ask us to take photos so that you can see what they have done.

If you have any further questions about your child's learning in Nursery, please come and ask.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hardiman