



Autumn Term 2 - Curriculum Newsletter

Nursery

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to Nursery, I hope you have had a lovely half term break and that the children are ready to be back in school.

Our core texts will be the starting point of this half term's learning in nursery, and as usual we will be following the children's interests as they develop over the course of the half term. We will continue to plan lots of exciting experiences for the children, based around the topic of 'It's Rhyme Time' where the children will learn about stories, songs and nursery rhymes as well as rhyming strings.

It's Rhyme Time

Our core texts for this half term are

				
Where's my teddy	Little Lumpty	Dear Zoo	Walking through the jungle	We're going on a present hunt

We will be listening regularly to these stories, learning to recall the events and join in repeated phrases. We will be learning to answer simple questions about these, and other, stories. We will use these stories as a basis to develop children's vocabulary and encouraging them to use the new words they have learnt.

Children will learn to name characters linked to our core texts. They will be encouraged to talk about the character's feeling and what the character is doing or where they are going in the story. They will also be encouraged to join in with the stories using the rhyming words to help them.

We would like the children to develop their independence through daily routines in Nursery, but also through their learning, such as choosing what they would like to build, make or do. Can they talk about what they are learning with regards the stories we have been talking about?

Staff will upload photos of your child's learning to the Tapestry App where you can see their achievements in Nursery. Please 'like' or comment on the posts so we are able to see that you have seen them. Any photographs you can share on Tapestry App about your child's learning at home or their family would be lovely to share with the class and will support staff in understanding more about the children and their home life and cultures.

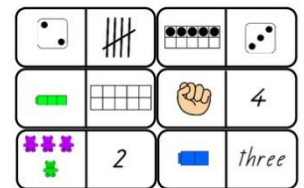


The children will continue learning Phase 1 phonics skills which includes listening and speaking games. We will also think about the number of syllables in a word and listen for sounds we can hear around us in the environment. This half term we will specifically be focusing on words that rhyme.

Most children in nursery are now confident at recognising their picture associated with their name but we will continue with name recognition when it is written down and they will begin to form some of the letters in their names.

We will focus on developing the fine motor skills children need ready for writing, we will mark make with paint, pens, chalk, in foam and sand to enable children to learn to make the anti-clockwise and other movements they need to be able to make to form letters correctly.

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 and subitising skills. Subitising is being able to recognise a small amount of objects without counting. We will be sorting and matching objects by a given criteria such as by colour or shape.



During this half term we will be investigating what Autumn and Winter look and feel like and we will encourage the children to investigate different materials associated with this. We will consider the changes in the environment as the seasons change. We will also be comparing Christmas celebrations to other festivals celebrated by children in our school.



Outdoor learning plays a vital role in the children's learning so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately. Shoes should not have laces as these come undone easily. Earrings and any other jewellery are not to be worn to nursery for health and safety reasons. Please make sure a changing bag is on their peg with every item labelled with your child's name. They should also have a pair of wellies which will be kept in school for wet days.

Please read daily with your child. Children who are read to regularly become confident readers as they move through school. Books will be changed on a Monday and a Thursday and should be returned for the following week.



Please encourage your child to complete the picture in the reading dairies themselves, do not draw it for them. The more practise your child has at drawing the more able they will become using shapes

more effectively to draw their own recognisable pictures. You can write what they child tells you they have drawn in their picture.

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

Kind regards, Mrs Headlam