



## Welcome to Nursery

Dear Parent/Carer

The Nursery team would like to welcome you and your child to Nursery. We are looking forward to working with you to make sure that your child settles quickly into the routines of Nursery. We have put together lots of information about Nursery. It includes an overview of the learning we will be engaged in this term, some key things to remember and some ideas for things to do at home to support learning in school.

### Nursery Staff

Miss Pickerden



Mrs Jackson



Miss Lister



### Fun learning to do at home

This term is all about settling into our new school. Make time at the end of each day to talk about what learning your child has done today at school, where they have played and who they've been playing with. Try and read your library book or any other books you have at home, as often as you can.

There are some fantastic experiences for you to enjoy through the '50 things before you're 5' initiative. Find further information here <https://50thingstodo.org/>

Your child's mental health and well-being is really important to us, as well as doing lots of fun PSED activities at school, there are some lovely ideas for activities to do at home on the SCARF website.

<https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/scarf/home-learning-unit-1>

On the BBC CBeebies website there are lots of fun, educational activities, ranging from Numberblocks to stories and nursery rhymes.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies>

We will be using Marvellous Me to record pictures, messages and to keep you up to date with your child's learning journey, please use the login provided to you by Nursery and keep up to date with what your child has been learning at Nursery.

<https://parent.marvellousme.com/>

### Things to remember

Library books will be changed once a week.

Please name your child's belongings, particularly jumpers and cardigans.

Please ensure your child brings a coat to school every day now that we are heading into Autumn and Winter.

We would like to kindly remind you that if you have paid sessions in school, you must keep up to date with payments.

<b>Learning in School</b>	
<b>Literacy</b>	This first half term we are focussing on lots of familiar nursery rhymes and reading some new stories such as 'The Colour Monster' and 'Owl Babies'. After half term we will be starting our topic 'Celebrations' We will read the story 'Pumpkin Soup' and explore the celebrations of Halloween and Bonfire Night, we will then read 'Binny's Diwali' and learn about how people celebrate Diwali and then we will read 'Stickman' and have lots of Christmas fun, including our Christmas show!
<b>Phonics</b>	We focus on hearing and discriminating between different sounds during Phonics. We will be going on listening walks, distinguishing between familiar and animal sounds, making sounds with instruments and identifying high and low sounds. Singing and rhyming is something we do everyday in Nursery.
<b>Maths</b>	We will be doing lots of different counting rhymes, such as 5 currant buns, 5 speckled frogs, 5 little ducks and many more! Singing these rhymes teaches children how to recite numbers to 5 and beyond. They also learn how to show numbers up to 5 using their fingers and the importance of stopping counting when they reach the last object (cardinality) to identify the total. We will also be learning about different colours, matching, sorting, pattern and the numbers 1 and 2.
<b>Communication</b>	To support the development of our speaking and listening skills, we will be listening to a variety of stories and learning new vocabulary. We will be joining in with daily rhyme times and learning a variety of songs. We will be starting to use longer sentences to talk to our friends and teachers, using the new vocabulary we have learned.
<b>PSED</b>	This term we are focussing on settling into our classroom. We will be learning the rules and routines in class and will be working together to follow the classroom rules. We will be making lots of new friends and building relationships with the children and adults in class. We will be talking about our feelings and will start to use restorative approaches to help us understand how other people might be feeling too. We will become increasingly independent in our self-care; using the toilet and fastening our coats by ourselves.
<b>Physical Development</b>	Throughout the year we will be developing our fine and gross motor skills. We have a range of resources in the classroom to develop fine motor skills, such as playdough, scissors, tweezers, Duplo, threading shapes and many more. We will go outside every day and have a range of equipment to develop movement, balancing and ball skills. We will use a range of resources such as, crates and blocks to build obstacle courses, a wide variety of different balls, sweeping brushes and rollers and large buckets and spades to dig with. These are just a few examples of the wide range of resources available to develop these important skills.
<b>The World</b>	We have lots of opportunities in provision and during carpet sessions to learn about key festivals this season such as Diwali and Christmas. We will talk about how they are all celebrated and how they are similar or different. We will learn about how to keep safe when taking part in key events such as Halloween and Bonfire Night and share our experiences as a class. We will also look closely at the changing seasons using our investigation and outdoor area in class where we will display autumn treasures such as conkers and acorns.
<b>Expressive Arts and Design</b>	This term we will focus on exploring the creative areas of the classroom. We will colour mix with the powder paint, learn lots of songs and rhymes in our daily rhyme and singing session and will have the opportunity to use our imaginations while playing in the home corner and small world areas.

<b>Key Dates</b>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October – School closes Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October – Staff training day Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October – School opens Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December – Christmas crafts Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Christmas show Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Christmas party Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December – School closes Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January – School reopens