



Welcome to Nursery

Dear Parent/Carer

The Nursery team would like to welcome new and existing parents and children 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



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 and hat to school every day now that the weather is much colder.

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

Fun learning to do at home

This term we will be welcoming some new children into Nursery. 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/>

Learning in School	
Literacy	This term our first topic is 'Grrrr!' We will be looking at books about dinosaurs and bears: Harry and the Dinosaurs go to School, Bear Hunt and Where's my Teddy? We will practise using narrative language to retell and sequence each story and describe the different characters. After half term our topic will be 'Growing and Changing.' We will be reading 2 different stories: Jack and the Beanstalk and the Hungry Caterpillar.
Phonics	We will continue to 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. We will practise hearing and saying the first sound in different words and blending the sounds in words together. Singing and rhyming is something we do everyday in Nursery.
Maths	This term we will be looking at numerals to 6. We will look at a different number each week and will complete lots of different activities to help us gain a deep understanding of each number. We will practise counting quantities, showing that many on our fingers and will continue to practise subitising a quantity to 5. We will begin using 5 frames to help structure our counting and look at the composition of each number e.g. 2 and 1 makes 3. We will focus on recognising each numeral to 5 and knowing the value of each number. We will also be learning about height and length, mass and capacity.
Communication	To support the development of our speaking and listening skills, we will be listening to a variety of stories and learning new vocabulary. Using our stories we will begin to develop our story telling skills and will begin inventing our own stories. 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.
PSED	This term we will continue to build relationships with our friends in class and welcome the new children into Nursery. We will continue to follow the rules and routines in class and use our restorative practise to talk about how we and others might be feeling. Our confidence will continue to grow in different social situations and we will play collaboratively with other children in a group. We will become increasingly independent in our self-care; using the toilet and fastening our coats by ourselves.
Physical Development	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 continue to develop our fine motor skills to help with our pencil control so we can comfortably hold pens and pencils. 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.
The World	We have lots of opportunities in provision and during carpet sessions to learn about key festivals this season such as New Year, Chinese New Year, Pancake Day and Easter. We will talk about how they are all celebrated and share our experiences in class. We will also take part in some different activities to explore the natural world. We will look at the life cycles of plants and animals, growing our own plants from seeds and looking after some caterpillars. This will support our understanding of how to care for living things and observe how they grow and change over time.
Expressive Arts and Design	This term we will continue to explore the creative areas of the classroom. We will colour mix with the powder paint, make models and will have the opportunity to use our imaginations while playing in the home corner and small world areas. In the construction area we will begin to build with a purpose in mind and learn how to take photos of our models.

Key Dates
Friday 9 th February 2024 – School closes Monday 19 th February 2024 - School reopens Friday 22 nd March 2024 – School closes