



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



Mrs Tansley



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 hat to school and sun cream is applied before they attend, as the weather hopefully gets warmer!

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>

Please use your Marvellous Me login to see pictures and find out more about your child's learning. If you can't remember your login, please ask your class teacher for a new one.

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

Learning in School

Literacy	<p>This term our first topic is 'Happily Ever After.' We will be looking at the stories, Farmer Duck, The Gingerbread Man, The Three Little Pigs and Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We will practise using story language to retell and sequence each story and describe the different characters and settings.</p> <p>After half term our topic will be 'On the Move.' We will be reading the stories How to Catch a Star, The Train Ride, Hundred Decker Bus and Ruby's Worry.</p> <p>We will also be focussing on recognising our name and writing some or all of the letters in our name.</p>
Phonics	<p>We will be focussing on alliteration, initial sounds and orally segmenting and blending words in Phonics. Singing and rhyming is something we do everyday in Nursery.</p>
Maths	<p>In Summer 1, we will be learning about sequencing nursery rhymes, daily routines and stories. We will learn positional language, and compare objects using the vocabulary more and fewer. We will also be learning about 2D and 3D shapes.</p> <p>In summer 2 we will be working on number composition with numerals to 5, looking at what comes before and after in a number line and consolidating our learning with numerals 1-5.</p>
Communication	<p>To support the development of our speaking and listening skills, we will be continuing to listen to stories daily, using our narrative skills to extend the story or think of alternative endings. We will use our language skills to solve problems with our friends and explore 'I wonder' questions to encourage thinking skills and extra challenges.</p>
PSED	<p>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 practice to talk about how we and others might be feeling. We will also be doing lots of transition activities to support our move into Reception and develop confidence in our new setting.</p>
Physical Development	<p>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 also be encouraging the children to have a go writing some of the letters in their name, with support from teachers and their name cards.</p> <p>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.</p>
The World	<p>We have lots of opportunities in provision and during carpet sessions to learn about key festivals this season such as Eid. We will talk about how Eid is celebrated and share our experiences in class. We will also have a visit from the Farm and the planetarium to support our topic work. We will continue to look after our plants in the garden and watch how they grow as the season changes and the weather becomes warmer. We will be learning about different countries and the types of animals that live there. We will also be learning about space and the different planets.</p>
Expressive Arts and Design	<p>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. We will continue to develop our musical skills and have a go making up our own songs and rhymes, which we can perform to other members of the class.</p>

Key Dates

Monday 6th May – school closed bank holiday
 Friday 24th May – school closes for Spring Bank holiday
 Monday 3rd June – school reopens
 Wednesday 12th June – Planetarium visit
 Friday 28th June – Staff training day – closed for students
 Friday 19th July – School closes for the Summer holidays