

Curriculum Newsletter

Nursery

Early Years Foundation Stage Autumn 1

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OUR LEARNING THIS HALF TERM

This half term, our learning theme is **'Look at Me'**, supporting children as they settle into school, adjust to new routines, and begin to explore what makes them wonderfully unique. As the weeks progress, we will introduce books that celebrate different families and include repeated phrases, helping children build confidence, familiarity, and enjoyment in shared reading.

Communication & Language

Children will build their communication skills by choosing rhymes from rhyme-time bags, using props, copying actions and joining in repeated singing as adults model body percussion and emphasise key words. Staff will also support simple conversations, helping children ask and answer **who, what, where and when** questions while praising their participation and growing confidence.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Children will build independence through handwashing, toileting, dressing, exploring resources and tidying items away so they learn where things belong. We will also support social routines such as taking turns, sharing and using good manners, and we will begin baking in small groups, where children take turns to create tasty treats for their friends

Physical Development

Children will develop their physical skills by joining simple group games, moving in different ways such as skipping, hopping and balancing, and practising using one-handed tools like scissors. Adults will model actions, body vocabulary and turn-taking, supporting children to grow in confidence as they copy movements, explore playdough and take part in fun, active routines.

Literacy

Children will revisit familiar books such as Love Makes a Family, Five Minutes' Peace, and We're Going on a Bear Hunt to build confidence with stories, characters, vocabulary and rhymes while developing their speaking, listening and early writing skills. Through discussions, photographs, props and repeated nursery rhymes, adults will model clear language, actions and rhythms and praise children's participation.

Mathematics

Children will explore each provision area, learning where resources belong and practising sorting by colour, size and shape using varied materials, pictures and everyday objects. Through number rhymes, counting games, dice, Numicon and consistent vocabulary for size and length, adults will model early maths skills such as ordering items, subitising to five and using actions to support confident counting.

Understanding the World

Children will explore their own family stories, learn about different occupations and continue developing positive attitudes towards the many ways people, families and countries can differ. Through songs, photos, role-play and modelling family vocabulary, adults will help children recognise household jobs, talk about extended family members and celebrate the diversity of the world around them.



Expressive Arts & Design

Children will explore their creativity by drawing simple shapes, adding detail to their pictures and using objects imaginatively in pretend play, while also experimenting with musical instruments and colour mixing. Adults will model ideas, introduce vocabulary about appearance, support correct tool use and provide varied materials so children can play, create and express themselves with growing confidence.

Key Theme / Special Experiences

The key dates this half term include:

Gruffalo day: Thursday 15th September

Dolly Fest: Thursday 15th October

MacMillan Coffee Morning:

Parent Breakfast: Thursday 8th October

Pumpkin Fest: Wednesday 21st October

HOW FAMILIES CAN SUPPORT AT HOME

Families can help by encouraging children to be independent with dressing, undressing, toileting, taking turns and tidying up, as well as chatting with them about their friends at school. Weekly story packs will be sent home, giving children the chance to share books and practise telling stories using pictures.