



Nursery Newsletter

Autumn 1—2026/2027

Notices/Reminders

- Please ensure that all clothes, lunch boxes and water bottles are named,
- Nursery go outside in all weathers so please ensure that they have a coat and wellies when the weather is forecast to be cold and/or wet.



Communication and Language

This half term we will be focusing on settling into the new school year, new key groups and learning about the rules and routines in the class. We will also be developing the skills to listen and take turns through a variety of games, listening to stories and sharing activities. We will be developing confidence to speak by sharing our own interests and experiences.

Physical Development

We will be learning about the importance of hygiene and how to wash our hand. We will be developing gross motor skills through balancing, throwing and catching and rolling and kicking large balls. We will develop fine motor skills through a range of activities including playdough, and a range of mark making tools including chinks, paint, pens, pencils and crayons.

Key Dates

Stay and Play—TBC

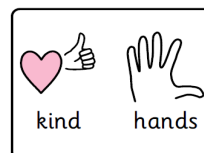
Nativity dates

Tuesday 8th December 2.15-3pm

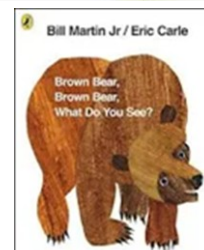
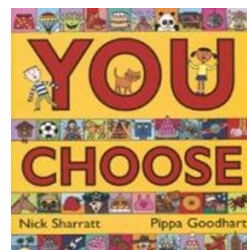
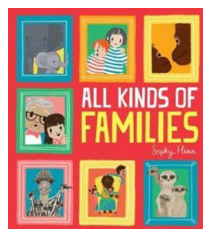
Thursday 10th December 2.15-3pm

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be learning about ourselves, talking about our families and getting to know each other. We will be learning about our senses and making links to expectations in Nursery. E.g. kind hands, listening ears etc. We will also be exploring our feelings through stories and activities.



Suggested Books for Reading



Literacy

We will explore a range of books linked to our experiences and feelings including 'The Colour Monster' and 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?'

We will also share lots of familiar stories and sing lots of nursery rhymes and encourage the use of actions to support in retelling these.

We will begin to learn the days of the week through songs and rhymes. We will also begin to develop knowledge of print through our daily self registration activities. We will encourage mark making for a range of purposes and use different media including paper, sand, gloop, water and touch screen technology.

Mathematics

Maths is taught through focused group time activities as well as independent play. We are learning the skills of counting through a variety of songs as well as learning colours through sorting and matching activities. We are developing our mathematical language through exploration of sizes, shapes and containers. We are learning about simple patterns and exploring these using a range of materials.



Understanding the World

This half term we are learning all about ourselves and each other. We are learning about our families, sharing pictures and sharing stories about families. We will explore our environment, talking about what we can see, hear and feel. We will develop vocabulary describing different textures, objects and sounds.



Expressive Arts and Design

We will be using familiar experiences to encourage roleplay within our home corner. We will explore a range of materials to create paintings and collage as well as junk modelling, exploring ways to build and join their models. We will be exploring instruments, developing our listening skills and talking about the sounds that they make.



What you can do to help at home

- Lots of pretend play activities such as playing shops or having a tea party will help to build language and play skills.
- Sharing stories regularly will help to build vocabulary skills as well as a love of books and reading.
- Using toys to make up your own stories together will help to build imagination and play skills.
- Playing games together that encourage sharing and taking turns.