

CURRICULUM INFORMATION



Nursery Summer (Pentecost) Term 2023



Welcome

We are looking forward to the Summer Term. This is the last term in Nursery for those children starting Reception in September and you should have received your notification of the school where your child has been given a place for their Reception year.

Curriculum

Our theme for the first half term is '*Marvellous Maths*' and then after the May half term our theme will be '*Amazing Animals*'.

Each week, we will be continuing to use stories to introduce our learning focus for the week.

Our weekly letter will give you more information about each week and ideas of activities you can do at home with your child.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be continuing to encourage positive relationships within Nursery and to make sure that the children understand the high behaviour expectations of them.

We will also be talking about different feelings.

Communication and Language

We will be focusing on developing strong skills in listening, attention and understanding. We will also be encouraging children's confidence in speaking in play and group situations.

Physical Development

We will be planning activities to develop children's gross and fine motor skills. For those children moving to Reception, we will be focussing on developing their pencil grip. The children will have access to the outdoors to develop strong gross motor skills and will have fine motor activities in our Continuous Provision which will all help to develop the muscle strength and dexterity to work towards a good pencil grip and balance and coordination.

Literacy

We will be continuing to share lots of stories as a class, in small groups and individually to foster an enjoyment of **Reading**. Listening to and talking about stories are really important early reading skills and we really encourage you to read a story with your child every day. We will be talking about stories and using the words 'front cover', 'back cover', 'title', 'author', 'characters' and 'setting' when we talk about stories.

Mark making is the start of **writing**. We always have a mark making area in nursery and this term will be encouraging children to develop their mark making and talk about their pictures and marks. For those children who are ready we will be focussing on writing our names.

Maths

We will be focussing on pattern, shape, weight, capacity and length this half term as well as continuing to develop the children's understanding of number. Next half term, we will be learning about routes, positional words and making comparisons. We will be doing lots of counting forwards and backwards as well as talking about one more and one less.

Understanding the World

We will be using our Small World Area, introducing the children to activities on the interactive board and the Nursery cameras and encouraging the children to be observant about the World around them. We will be noticing signs of spring and summer as our seasons change.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will have independent access to different materials in our creative area and will be taught how to use them. They will also be encouraged to use the role play area and to join in with the many songs we sing in nursery.

Religious Education

Our three themes this term are 'Good News', 'Friends' and 'Our Wonderful World'.

Good News - we think about sharing Good News of our own and the Good News of Jesus.

Friends - we think about how we can be good friends to each other and to Jesus.

Our Wonderful World - we think about what we love about our World.

If you and your family celebrate religious festivals, we would be really pleased if you could send in some photographs for us to show the children and to display in our RE book.

Outdoor Learning

As part of the Early Years Curriculum, Foundation children are expected to do some of their learning outside. Your child will be given the chance to be outside during part of every day, whatever the weather! As the weather gets warmer, please ensure your child's jumpers and sun hats are named.

Activities to help your child at home

- Practise self-help skills; encouraging your child to recognise their coat and shoes, put on and take off their shoes and coats and have a go at doing their own zips.
- Talk to your child about the activities they have been doing at Nursery.
- Read lots of books with your child. Discuss the pictures with them and talk about what is happening.
- Practise counting objects with your child by touching them as you say the number names. Count socks, spoons, carrots, stairs, cars - anything! Make it fun!
- Talk to your child when you are outdoors - look at the changing trees and other signs of the different seasons.
- Read the weekly Parent Note for ideas linked to the week's activities.
- We'd love to see photos of what the children have been doing at home on Tapestry. If you have not been able to access Tapestry to see your child's observations please speak to Mrs Cathcart or Mrs Wheatley.

Collecting Children

Please ensure that you collect your child promptly, so that the staff can prepare the Nursery for the next session. If you do experience a delay, please telephone the school office on **01908 606966** to let us know.

Finally, the whole team values the philosophy of working closely in partnership with parents. If you have any worries, concerns or celebrations of your child's achievements, please do not hesitate to share these with us.

Mrs Cathcart, Mrs Wheatley and the Nursery Team.