

Life in Nursery

The children in Nursery enjoy lots of different activities throughout the day. There is so much to choose from including arts and crafts, role play, construction and the sand and water.

We have been enjoying building our Autumn collection and have learned lots about animals that hibernate.

In the Secret garden we love exploring. We take part in lots of welly walks and talk about using our senses to discover what is happening in the world around us.

This half term the children are looking forward to welcoming their 'grown ups' to nursery for a stay and play session.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will continue to learn about respect and tolerance. Sharing stories about kindness and friendship we will discuss how to be a kind friend. We will think carefully about what makes a good friend and we will be thankful for the friends we have. All children will be encouraged and supported to manage their emotions and develop a positive sense of self.

We love sharing our news during small group time and this is a great opportunity to celebrate achievements, use our listening skills and ask questions about topics we are interested in.

We are looking forward to beginning our toothbrushing programme in Nursery. This will help us learn more about oral hygiene and keeping ourselves healthy.

Communication and Language

Through conversation, story-telling and role play, children will share their ideas with support and **modelling** from the adults in Nursery.

Using our poetry basket everyday children will be introduced to a rich range of vocabulary.

We will be focusing on following two step simple instructions, using visual supports when needed as well as concentrating for longer periods of time.

Literacy

We will be sharing lots of Nursery Rhymes this half term. We will focus on developing phonological awareness by spotting rhyming words, playing matching games, talking about our pictures.

Some of the stories we will be sharing include, Stickman, Hovis the Hedgehog, The Happy Lion, A letter to Santa and The Nativity Story.

We will encourage the children to draw their own story maps, create character puppets and use props to help retell familiar stories.



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Mathematics

We will continue to build basic number skills. All of our maths activities will be based around our topic or story. They will be practical and fun. Children will be encouraged to count objects carefully using 1:1 correspondence. We will play games which include rolling a dice and counting the spots.

Children will begin to develop a sense of more and less as they fill water jugs or sort small toys. We will also learn about size and position as we order the stickmen from smallest to tallest.

Understanding the World

This half term we will be thinking about 'Celebrations'. We will encourage the children to talk about significant events and celebrations in their own lives. We will be preparing for Christmas, thinking about how far Santa has to travel. We will learn about animals that live in the Arctic and how the season is beginning to change.

We will discover Diwali and take part in some lovely activities such as, designing mendi patterns, making diva lamps and share some traditional Indian food.

R.E

Our topics in R.E this half term include Baptism and Advent. We will be talking about how we can welcome people and times when we have felt welcome. We will look at photographs of Baptisms and talk about significant symbols as we learn how we are welcomed into God's family. We will have fun role playing a baptism of a nursery baby.

During Advent we will learn The Nativity Story and prepare a special nursery performance.

Key Dates

Early Words Programme: beginning Friday 8th November

Stay and Play: Week Commencing 11th November

Nursery A Christmas Performance: 17th December

Nursery B Christmas Performance: 13th December



Expressive Arts and Design

Opportunities to engage with the arts will be available to the children everyday enabling them to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials.

We will be focusing on using variety of tools to apply paint (brushes of different sizes, sponges, fingers).

As part of our Christmas preparation we will be creating lots of our own decorations using various materials and exploring different textures.

Please don't hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or a member of the Nursery staff if you have any worries or queries.



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