

# Nursery Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Nursery – a happy and safe place where every child can learn, grow, and shine! We're so excited to have you join our Nursery family. Each day is filled with fun activities, playtime, and new adventures. We can't wait to get to know all of the children and see all the amazing things they will do! Get ready for lots of laughter, learning, and wonderful memories!

Enclosed in this letter is an overview of all the exciting learning your child will be completing this half term. As you can see, we're going to be very busy!

If you require any further information about your child's learning, please do not hesitate to speak with us or arrange an appointment for a chat

## Diary Dates:

**Thursday 11th September 8:15am-8:45am** 'Tea and toast' come and meet the staff, get information about Early years and to ask any questions you may have.

**Monday 15th September** Bring in a baby photo to show the class

**Monday 22nd September** Bring in a photo of grandparents

**Monday 6th October** Bring in a favourite teddy bear

**Monday 20th October** Wow day' pumpkin party for children.

## Wellie Wednesday's

**Wellie Wednesday** takes place every Wednesday and is a special day dedicated to **outdoor learning, Forest School activities, and PE**. Children will spend much of the day outside, exploring nature, enjoying hands-on learning, and taking part in physical activities, whatever the weather! Please make sure your child comes to school in their **PE kit**, and brings **warm, weather-appropriate clothing, pair of wellies all in a named bag**. Waterproofs, layers, and hats/gloves are ideal to help keep them warm and comfortable. Our **Forest School approach** encourages curiosity, confidence, and a love of the outdoors. We're excited for all the fun and learning each Wellie Wednesday will bring! . We can't wait to see what the children discover each week!





## PE

PE lessons will take place on **Wednesday and Friday**. We are asking that children come to school dressed in their PE kits on PE days. Please ensure your child is wearing no jewellery on these days.

This term we will be doing co operate and solve problems and speed and agility in PE

## PSHE:

This half term in PSHE, our topic is **'Being Me in My World'**. We'll be supporting the children as they begin to understand more about themselves and their place in the world around them.

The children will be:

- Talking about **different feelings and emotions** and learning to recognise how they feel.
- Exploring their **responsibilities** at nursery, such as tidying up and looking after toys.
- Learning the importance of **having kind hands** and being gentle and caring towards others.

These discussions help build self-awareness, confidence, and positive relationships with friends and adults.

## Expressive Art and Design

This term, we will be exploring a variety of Nursery Rhymes. In Art, the children will experiment with different materials, explore colour mixing, and create their own self-portraits. We will be learning about the famous artist Leonardo da Vinci, looking closely at his portraits. These activities will help develop creativity.

## Mathematics

This half term the children will be :

- Exploring different colours and finding out how colours can be mixed and changed.
- Looking closely at objects and talking about how they are the same or different. Comparing the sizes of objects using words like big, small, tall, or short.
- Noticing shapes around them and beginning to spot similarities and differences.
- Practising their counting by saying one number name for each item (e.g., "1, 2, 3, 4, 5") as they play.

We're learning through lots of fun, hands-on activities that help build early thinking and language skills!

## RE:

This half term we will be looking at ' why God is so important to Christians'

In this unit, children will find out about the Christian belief that God created the heavens and the earth. They will learn the key events from the creation story found in Genesis 1. They will find out many Christians believe the earth and everything in it belongs to God and that God gave people the job of taking care of the world. Pupils will find out the story of Adam being tasked with naming animals.

## Understanding of the World:

This half term our topic is Long ago and Nursery rhymes.

In this project the children learn about how they have grown and changed since they were babies and how life in the past was different from today.

In the topic Nursery rhymes we will look at traditional stories and rhymes, where the children will have the opportunity to play with words and learn new vocabulary.

## Phonics:

This half term, the children will begin their **Phonics journey**, as we introduce **Phase 1**. Phase 1 focuses on developing **speaking and listening skills**, which are the building blocks for reading and writing. The main aim is to help children **tune into the sounds around them**, preparing them for the next stage of phonics learning in Phase 2 next term.

Through fun games, songs, and listening activities, children will start to develop **oral blending and segmenting skills**, while also building their **vocabulary** and **language comprehension**. This is an exciting and important step in their early literacy development!

## English:

This half term, our focus story in Literacy is **'The Gingerbread Man'**. The children will explore the story through a range of engaging activities. We will be looking closely at the different illustrations and using them to help us understand the sequence of events. The children will be encouraged to join in with key events and repeated phrases, such as *"Run, run, as fast as you can!"* to help build confidence in retelling the story.