



'An Academy to be Proud of'



Dear families,

The children have settled well into nursery. They have adapted to the 'new normal' and practise great hand hygiene throughout the day. Over the next few weeks we will continue to help your child settle in, make new friendships, and have lots of fun as they learn through play. It's lovely to be back!



## Communication and Language

We will be developing the children's listening skills through stories, circle time and going on playground walks to listen for environmental sounds. Through play, they will be encouraged to use talk to connect ideas and re-tell simple events. Our themes are 'Ourselves' and 'Relationships' and using our senses.



**The World** This half term is perfect for learning all about seasonal changes. The children will be encouraged to comment on aspects of their own world and ask questions too. We will be having an autumnal display and will need your help to collect natural objects such as acorns, horse chestnuts and big leaves! The children will also have opportunities to use the interactive whiteboard to draw pictures of themselves and their families.

**Physical Development** The children will develop their gross motor skills through a range of ways, such as balancing on different body parts and climbing, and will visit the dance studio weekly. They will learn how to use one-handed tools and develop their fine motor skills, mark-making and pencil grip. We will be promoting healthy eating and independence in self-care too.



## Expressive Arts

The children will learn some new songs including: I Am Special and Make a New Friend as well as singing traditional songs, such as Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes. They will learn how to use a range of media to draw themselves and their families. Role-play will be based around children's own interests.

## Maths

The children will begin to develop a repertoire of number rhymes and songs including: 10 Fat Sausages, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5...Once I Caught a Fish Alive, 10 In The Bed and 5 Speckled Frogs. They will also engage in activities which develop counting skills beyond 10 and using 2D and 3D shapes to construct buildings and homes.



## Things to remember .....

1. Please do not send your child to Nursery if they have a temperature or are displaying Covid-19 symptoms.
2. Please remember to socially distance when dropping off or collecting your child and only one family member, where possible, to avoid overcrowding.
3. Please provide your child with a pair of wellingtons and a warm coat (with a hood) for their outdoor play.

**Literacy** The children will engage in daily 'Jolly Phonics' in which they will be tuning into sounds, listening and remembering them, and talking about the sounds they hear. They will be encouraged to join in with Nursery Rhymes and stories. We will be reading The Colour Monster, Super Duper You, Peace at Last and Autumn and Harvest themed stories.

Many Thanks Mrs Vos and Mrs Brimley