



'An Academy to be Proud of'



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have had a lovely summer holiday and we are thrilled to welcome you to **The Nest**. Over the next few weeks we will continue to help your child settle in, make new friendships, learn one another's names and have lots of fun learning through play. It's lovely to be back!

The Nursery Team

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.

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 take part in the 'Daily Mile' too. 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.

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 bridges.



The World This half term is perfect for learning 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 giant leaves! We will celebrate Harvest and Remembrance Day too. The children will have opportunities to use the interactive whiteboard to draw pictures of themselves and their families.

Expressive Arts

The children will learn some new songs including: I Am Special and Make a New Friend as well as singing Nursery Rhymes and 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. We will also be creating Kandinsky inspired shape pictures..

Things to remember

1. Please sign up to class Dojo and check the school's main Dojo page weekly too. Class Dojo is a great way to communicate your child's learning. We reply to all messages but please be mindful that we will be teaching during the hours of 9am and 3.15pm.
2. We would love to see you next Tuesday 7th September for 'Meet the teacher' sessions, 3:30pm-4:30pm or 6pm-7pm.
3. Please provide your child with a pair of wellingtons and a warm coat (with a hood) for their outdoor play and a drink's bottle with water in it.
4. As we have children with severe nut allergies, please refrain from sending in nut-based products in their packed lunches. Grapes must also be cut in half, lengthways.

Literacy The children will engage in daily 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

The Nursery Team - Mrs Vos, Miss Low and Mrs Reid