



Opal Class Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 1

Topic: 'Starting Nursery'

Welcome to our first exciting term in Nursery!

Our topic is Starting Nursery. As part of this topic we will be reading books about starting Nursery, such as 'Don't eat the teacher!' and 'Maisy goes to Nursery', as well as books that help us adjust to separating from our parents and encourage sharing with our peers. We will get to know our Jubilee SMART 5 and become familiar with the routines of our classroom and our day at Nursery. We will also be thinking about our families, and these are similar or different to our friends. We will concentrate on settling into our new classroom, finding our way around and feeling confident to explore.

We will be using a wonderful book called 'How are you feeling today?' to help us to recognise our emotions and to give us ideas of what we could do when we are feeling sad or worried.



You can help your child at home by:

Sharing books regularly, learning nursery rhymes and talking about who the characters are.

Observing the changing of the seasons.

Talking about our Jubilee SMART 5 and how we can be safe at Nursery.

Using our Star words and key vocabulary with your child at home in conversation.

Key messages

Children will be given their own reading record. Parents can then borrow books from our Nursery Lending Library and share these with their child at home. We encourage children to read with an adult daily, and for books to be changed weekly.

Please remember to send in a water bottle and a change of clothes into Nursery with your child. As the weather changes, please ensure children have appropriate clothing, coats and even wellies, as we explore our outdoor area whatever the weather!

Please remember to check Parent Hub (or sign up, if you haven't already!) for all of our messages and information about our learning.

Our STAR words that the children will learn, understand and be able to use by the end of the term are:



safe	Autumn
teacher	outside
classroom	inside
family	Jubilee
toilet	

In Literacy we will learn how to:

Develop our interest in books, holding them correctly and turning the pages.

Join in with nursery rhymes, songs and poems and find our favourites.

Develop play around stories, involving props

Add marks to drawings and begin to give these meaning, for example making marks to represent their name.

In Maths we will learn to:

Develop fast recognition of 3 objects (subitising.)

Recite numbers past 5.

Say one number for each item in order.

Match numerals to amounts.

Compare and describe items using words like 'bigger', 'smaller', 'longer' and 'shorter'.

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In Personal, Social and Emotional Development we will be:

Learning how to be safe and healthy, focusing on using the toilet, washing our hands, eating a range of healthy foods and encouraging good oral hygiene.

Selecting activities and resources, with help when needed.

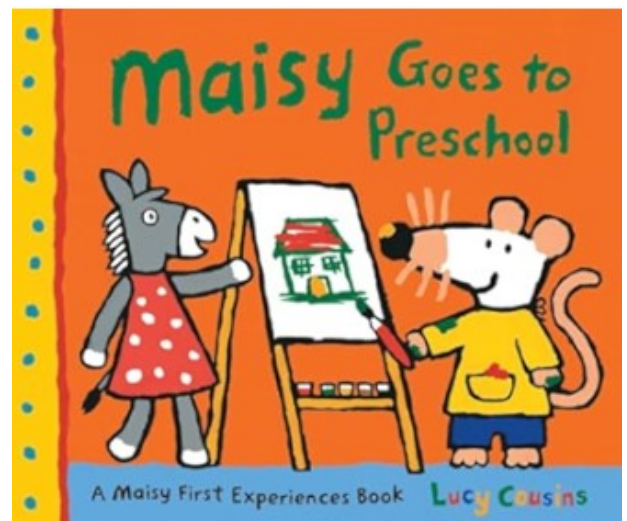
Developing our sense of community and belonging at Nursery.

Learning to identify our feelings and to find ways of self-regulating.

In Physical Development we will be:

Improving our core strength by balancing, moving objects in different ways, moving on our tummies, etc.

Using one-handed tools and equipment.



In Expressive Arts and Design we will be:

Exploring a range of materials.

Taking part in simple pretend play.

Beginning to develop complex stories using small world equipment.

In Understanding the World. we will be:

Observing the changing of the seasons as we move into Autumn.

Getting to know our school environment.

Using our senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.

Talking about what we see, using a range of vocabulary.