

# NURSERY CURRICULUM LETTER

We hope that these letters will keep you informed of all that is in Nursery. If you have any queries, please come and see a member of the nursery team.

## Nursery Staff

Mrs Naik is the class teacher, and our wonderful assistants are Mrs Reddy and Mrs O who are also here to help. Mrs Slater will be taking groups for Speech and Language. Mrs Russell will be taking the class on a Tuesday every week.

## THEME

Our current topic is called 'Ticket to Ride'. Our role play will become a garden centre. The books we will be looking at are as follows: -

Week 1 – Little Red Riding Hood

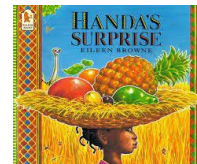
Week 2 – The Gingerbread man

Week 3 – Where the Wild Things Are

Week 4 – Handa's Surprise

Week 5 – Non-fiction books about transport

Week 6 – We're Going on a Bear Hunt



## Communication and Language

We will concentrate on the children being able to talk about familiar books and to be able to tell a long story in their own words. We have started to recognise characters and setting in books and will now explore how the children can make up their own characters. We will continue to ask 'why' questions when asking about things that are familiar to the children. We will also encourage the children to use talk to organise themselves and their play. This half term there will be a big focus on the children showing awareness of rhyme and alliteration.



## Personal, social and emotional development

The children will be looking at goals and achievements. We will explore what they children see themselves as being good at and what they would like to achieve, such as put on their coats, shoes, socks etc. Children will then be encouraged to achieve their goal and talk about how they feel.

## Physical development

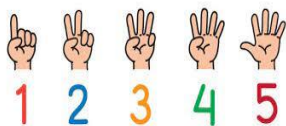


The children will be encouraged to become independent and chose the right resources to carry out their own plan. They will practice or learn how to hop, skip, stand and hold a pose for a game. We will talk about making healthy choices about food, drink, activity, and exercise. Each day the children will do focussed fine motor skill activities. There are still children that need help holding their pencil using tripod grip, so there will be lots of practice for these children.

## Literacy

The children will understand that when reading we read English texts from left to right and from top to bottom. The children will be taught phonics every day through games. This will involve using sounds, musical instruments and sound talking three letter words. We will start doing some recognition and writing of letters in their name.

## Mathematics



The children have had lots of practice at counting, we will now encourage them to say one number for each item in order 1,2,3,4,5. We will start making marks for numbers and experiment with their own symbols. We have looked at patterns in our environment and this now be extended to create ABAB patterns.

## Understanding the world

Through our stories we will look at different countries in the world and talk about differences between us such as clothes, what we eat and language we speak. This will help us to continue to develop positive attitudes about the differences between people and show respect for each other.

## Expressive arts and design

We will be encouraging the children to play instruments with increasing control to express their feelings and ideas. We will act out some of the stories that we read with children taking on the roles of the characters. There will always be painting available, and they will be encouraged to mix colours to see and experiment what happens.



## LUNCHTIMES



Please provide your child with a healthy packed lunch, we do not allow sweets, chocolates, or fizzy drinks. If your child brings grapes to nursery, please cut them in half to avoid choking.

## INDEPENDENCE

Your child should be able to put on and take off their own coats. If your child can do this, then encourage them to zip/button their coat for themselves. Most children can use the toilet independently, if your child is not yet doing this, please encourage them to do this, we are happy to help at nursery.

## NURSERY FUND

Just a reminder that we do have nursery fund which is £1 a week. Thank you to all the parents for contributing. Just a quick reminder that nursery fund is collected on a Monday. Thank you once again.

## Some helpful websites

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/1/sound-starters>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/green-balloon-club/games/green-balloon-clubgiggleswickpark/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/misc/games/misc-colourmixcottage/>

“Be blessed by God, be happy and aspire to be...”