



NURSERY CURRICULUM LETTER

Spring 1 2025

Staff:

Mrs Naik is the class teacher, and our wonderful assistants are Mrs Patel, Mrs Slater and Mrs Hoole on a Thursday morning and part of the afternoons. We are always here to help. Miss Young will be taking the class on Monday afternoons.

Key information:

*The children are now in key worker groups.
Please remember that the Nursery fund is £1 a week, which is payable to the Nursery staff.
This half term we will be inviting parents in small groups to come into Nursery to do some basic skills with their child.
We will also be starting the phonic bags for those children that will be starting school in September.*

Theme:

Our topic for this half term is called 'Over the rainbow'; we will be looking at different colours and what happens to them when they are mixed together. The books/topics that we will be looking at each week are as follows: -

- Week 1 - Winter
- Week 2 - Rainbow Fish
- Week 3 - Elmer
- Week 4 - Ned's Rainbow, Chinese New Year,
Asian History Week - Welcome
- Week 5 - Brown Bear Brown Bear
- Week 6 - Mousepaint, Valentines





This is what we are focusing on in the 7 areas of learning over the next half term

Communication and Language

The children will be listening to the stories listed above and will also be exposed to a wide range of other books in the reading area. They will be encouraged to be good listeners both in a small and large group. There is a listening station in the reading area where they can listen to books on the headphones. Speaking clearly and using good sentences will be modelled by all adults in nursery to encourage this. The children will be doing phonics daily which will also increase their listening skills.

Personal, social and emotional development

The main focus for this half term will be for the children to look at their feelings and how they manage them in different situations. They will talk about feelings of excitement, anger, happiness, sadness etc and how they show these feelings. We will still continue our work on the children making friendships, learning to share and sort certain situations out between themselves.



We will also be doing a few lessons on MyHappyMind related to 'celebrate'.

Physical development

Please continue to allow your child to put on and take off their own jumpers and coats independently. We will also be practising with the children, zipping and buttoning up their coats. We will carry on focusing on how the children hold their pencil. Please support us with this and encourage them to hold a pencil near the point between the first two fingers and the thumb (tripod grip). Children will be doing lots of activities using gross and fine motor skills

Literacy



Our role play area is a small home corner and it has lots more loose parts, which I hope will encourage children to use their imagination. We will also have an art studio where children can be creative with drawing and making marks. Lots of the children have now started making marks and telling an adult what it is, some are making a good attempt at writing their name. It would be a good idea for you to practice writing your child's name, making sure that you encourage correct letter formation. Some children are at the stage of making marks and they will be given lots of mark making resources to help with this



part of their development. This half term we will be using the 'Essential Letters and Sounds' phonics scheme and will be concentrating on introducing one letter a week. At the beginning of every week, the letter being introduced will be put on Class Dojo.

Mathematics

The children will be encouraged to count to 10 and beyond during their play. They will be taught to recognise their numbers to 3, 5 or 10 depending upon their ability. We will also do lots of physical activities around counting such as jumping, clapping, stamping etc as we move. We will be starting to look at patterns in the environment and make our own patterns using two objects. They will be encouraged to recognise, match and talk about shapes of everyday objects. We are now following the White Rose Maths scheme and we also use the NCETM¹ and other resources.



Understanding the world



As we look at the Rainbow Fish and Elmer stories we will see the environments that the books are focussed on. What are the differences and similarities, what other creatures live in these habitats and why? We will focus on different materials, doing some collage work, describing the textures of them.

This will also link with our RE where we will be looking at friends and the qualities of what makes a good friend. We will talk about who Jesus' friends were and why.

Expressive arts and design



The children will be given the opportunities to experiment with different media. They will be making large marks on big sheets of paper, doing observational drawings and doing large scale collaging. We will be exploring colour and how it can be changed.

Toilet Training



Please ensure that your child is toilet trained. If you are struggling with this, please come and speak to a member of our staff. **All** children should now be out of nappies unless they have a specific need.

¹ National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics.



Nursery Fund



Please remember to pay your nursery fund every week. It is £1 a week, and goes towards resources for your child such as play dough, cooking ingredients, paint, paper, fruit, milk etc.

ATTENDANCE

It is really important that your child attends nursery every day as this helps them get into a routine, form relationships with adults and peers. Children that attend nursery regularly will get the best out of nursery and all the experience it has to offer.