



Nursery Autumn Newsletter 2023

Welcome to our first newsletter! We are looking forward to sharing an exciting year as the children begin their journey in the school Nursery.

Meet the Nursery Team: Mrs V. Ursache, our Nursery teacher, is supported by Miss J. Seear, Mrs A. Dennis and Mrs T. Mitul throughout the week.

At the start of this new school year, we are focusing on settling the children into the Nursery. The children are becoming more familiar with the Nursery rules, routines and expectations. They are also learning to become increasingly independent in their personal care such as toileting/hand washing, feeding/drinking by themselves, tidying up, putting their jackets on and taking them off. Please continue to practise these skills at home.

Autumn curriculum: 'All About Me' and 'Celebrations'

In the first half-term, we will be learning all about ourselves. We will be having lots of fun in our indoor and outdoor learning environment. We are kindly asking you to send in a **family photo** so we can display and talk about our families. We will be learning many Nursery rhymes such as 'Head, shoulders, knees and toes' and 'I've got a busy body' as part of our topic.

In the second half-term, we will be looking for things that are changing with the season, finding different colours and shapes in the environment. We will learn about different festivals that are celebrated, and the birthday of Jesus. Our Role Play area will transform from a Home Corner to a shop and finally Santa's work shop! We will also be learning to recognise our names.

Nursery Curriculum

We are focusing on following the daily routines of the Nursery, taking turns, sharing and helping to tidy up. We will look to build self-confidence and play within small groups, as well as making and developing friendships.

Through opportunities in the Outdoor Learning Area, we want the children to become confident in moving, climbing and balancing. We are also working on developing their fine-motor skills by providing lots of finger-gym activities. During our day-to-day activities, children will experience opportunities to use scissors, glue sticks and mark-making tools such as pencils, felt-tipped pens, crayons, chalks, paint brushes, rollers and stampers.

We are aiming to develop sustained listening skills, through learning rhymes and listening to stories during carpet sessions. We want all the children to feel confident enough to make contributions to discussions in a group and to listen to others.

We also aim to develop their imagination and communication skills by providing plenty of opportunities for imaginative play in our Role Play areas and with Small World toys, such as a farm and animals, fairies and castles, little people and houses, boats and pirate ships, trains and train tracks, cars and garage and the Mud Kitchen.

We will be focusing on developing number concept through counting, matching numbers to sets of objects and using numbers in our play. We will be playing lots of counting games and singing number rhymes, such as '5 little monkeys', '1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive' and '5 little ducks went swimming one day'. You might hear the children singing some of these songs

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as they play. In addition to this, we will learn about the shapes all around us. We will use shapes for printing, sorting, naming and making pictures and patterns.

P.E Kit Children are required to have Velcro trainers for P.E. afternoon sessions each Monday.

Home Learning The children will bring home a book from the class library for you to share with them. The books will be changed on Fridays. Children are expected to bring their book bags daily to put their work in it.

Focus Children After the half term, 3 children will become the 'Focus Children' for the week. You will be given a form to complete at the start of the week as we value your input and this will partly form the basis of their focused observations. The children will receive additional support throughout the week and you will be updated on their progress, next steps and ideas on how you can support your child further at home. This will take place as a meeting at the end of the week, arranged by the class teacher.

Subject Information

RE: Family - Myself

Belonging - Welcome

Loving- Birthdays



Water bottles

Children are encouraged to have a refillable water bottle with them each day to remain hydrated throughout the day (no single-use plastic bottles, please). Please ensure that the child's name is clearly visible.

Reminder

We would like to remind parents to put children's names on all their belongings such as school bags and jumpers, lunch bags and water bottles. Please label the winter coats as well, as children often own similar jackets. Please show your child where you have written their names in their coats as this will help them to find their belongings.

Key Dates

Half Term: 23rd - 27th October



Thank you for your support and we look forward to working together to help your child be the best that they can be!

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Prayers in Nursery

Part of our role as a Catholic School is to teach prayers and to teach how to pray. Here are the prayers that we say throughout the day. Please encourage your child/ren to make the sign of the cross and say the prayers.

Morning Prayer

Father in Heaven, you love me,
You're with me night and day.
I want to love you always,
In all I do and say.
I'll try to please you, Father,
Bless me through this day.
Amen.

Grace Before Meals

Bless us, O Lord,
As we sit together.
Bless the food we eat today.
Bless the hands that made the food.
Bless us O God.
Amen.

Night Prayer

God, our Father, I come to say
Thank you for your love today.
Thank you for my family,
And all the friends you give to me.
Guard me in the dark of night,
And in the morning, send your light.
Amen.