

Nursery Class Newsletter Autumn 2



We are delighted to welcome your child back into Nursery for another half term filled with fun and learning. Our topic is 'What's in the woodland?' and we will be looking closely at the woodland environment and creatures. We will also be learning about different festivals and celebrations, including Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas.

We have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned. This newsletter will give you an overview of the main activities that we have planned for this half term and some other key information. Our activities are planned to meet the different Foundation Stage areas of learning. These are: Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development, Communication and Language, Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World, Expressive Arts and Design and Religious Education.

Below are just some of the many activities that the children will be doing to support their learning in these areas.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development
 How to be a kind friend
 Exploring different emotions through stories
 Following rules and boundaries
 Developing confidence to take part in new activities



Communication and Language
 Joining in with words and actions to songs
 Answering simple questions about stories
 Learning and using new vocabulary



Physical Development
 Taking part in action songs
 Moving in different ways - jumping, skipping, galloping
 Fine motor activities - threading, using tweezers
 Using scissors to snip paper
 Dough disco




Expressive Arts and Design
 Exploring different materials and colours for a range of purposes e.g. firework pictures, gingerbread man collage
 Exploring clay and colour to make Diya lamps
 Building with different construction materials



Mathematics
 Counting skills - learning to say one number name for one item counted
 Exploring length
 Talking about patterns e.g. stripy, spotty
 Exploring weight - measuring ingredients when baking
 Circles and triangles




Understanding the World
 Festivals and celebrations - Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas
 Remembrance day
 Light and dark
 Night and day
 The woodland environment
 Baking
 How do Firefighters help us



Our traditional tale this half term is:
 The Gingerbread Man



Literacy
 Copying mark making patterns - zig zags, waves, circles
 Listening to and joining in with familiar stories
 Repeating phrases and retelling some key events in familiar stories
 Participating in simple conversations about familiar stories



Religious Education
 God Our Father Cares For Us
 Advent

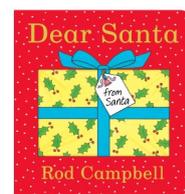
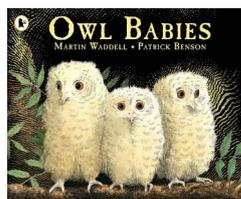
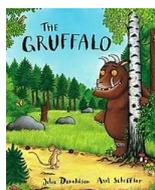


Phonics
 Playing different instruments - exploring loud, quiet, fast and slow sounds
 Listening games - matching instrument sounds
 Adding instruments to songs and stories
 Making our own instruments



Focus stories

Lots of our activities in Nursery are based around a focus story for the week. Our focus stories for this half term include:



Perhaps you have some of these stories at home that you can read at bed time together. You could also visit your local library to choose these stories to read together.

It would be fantastic if you could...

- Send in a bag that contains spare trousers, socks/tights and pants, that can be kept on your child's peg- just in case! Please leave any other bags at home.
- Ensure that all of your child's belongings (including hats, scarves, gloves now that it is getting colder) are clearly labelled with their name.
- Ensure that your child brings a school water bottle everyday, filled with water only.
- Always let us know if somebody different than usual is collecting your child.

P.E kit

This half term your child will need a P.E kit. For this half term, your child needs to come to school wearing their P.E Kit on a **Monday**.

P.E starts on Monday 8th November.

A reminder that our P.E uniform is:

- Black shorts/joggers - (Whilst your child is arriving in their P.E kit, please wear black joggers or leggings due to the cold weather).
- A plain red/blue/yellow/green t-shirt (depending on your child's house team) - Please ask if you are unsure what house team your child is in.
- Black pumps/trainers - (whilst your child is arriving in their P.E kit, please ensure your child arrives in their school shoes and bring their P.E shoes in a separate bag with their name on that can be kept on their peg).
- Please also bring your child's school jumper due to the cold weather.

What can you do at home?

Provide lots of opportunities to talk, read and sing together.

Support and encourage independence skills - such as using tissues, washing hands, helping with dressing and undressing and going to the toilet.

Talk about how to stay safe as you are walking together.

Staff members are available to answer any questions or discuss any concerns once we have ensured that all children have entered or left safely.

Alternatively, Miss Bridges can arrange with you a separate time to discuss any concerns or queries.



Class Page

Please regularly look at the Nursery class page on the school website for updates, information and photographs of the exciting things that we have been doing in Nursery.

Please note that we will only include your child on photographs included on the school website if you have given permission.

Key events in our week...

P.E with Port Vale on a **Monday**

Homework books collected in on a **Monday**

Visit to the school library for a story on **Tuesday**

Music lesson with our specialist Music teacher on a **Wednesday**

Homework books returned on a **Wednesday**

Music and Movement on a **Friday** (No P.E Kit needed - shoes and socks taken off)

Upcoming events...

Parent Consultation Day on Tuesday 9th

November - Please ensure you have booked an appointment on your SCO pay account and inform us of any problems.

World Nursery Rhyme Week beginning on the 15th November - We will be learning a different Nursery Rhyme each day.

Nativity performance - We will be learning a Nativity play with Reception ready to perform in December. Please support us by learning any words sent home. You will be informed of performance dates and times in the upcoming weeks.

Other information...

Your child can come to school wearing their own clothes on their birthday.

We will send home a book bag containing your child's home work book and reading diary this half term. Our reading and homework system will be explained to you during our Parent Consultation appointment. We will also be sending 'Wow Cards'