



Nursery Newsletter- Autumn Term 2021

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a lovely holiday and are ready to start the new term with enthusiasm! We are heading for a busy term with lots of exciting activities and experiences to look forward to. For the first few weeks, the focus will be on settling into school life and embedding rules and routines so that children become independent and happy within the environment. In our nursery, we follow the interests of our children to guide our topics and key focuses. We then link key texts through these topic areas.

Communication, Language and Literacy

A key starting point for communication, language and literacy is to develop the essential skills of a good listener. We will play a wide range of listening games and activities to help the children develop a keen ear. We will explore environmental sounds and instrument sounds to hone our listening skills and we will experiment with rhythm and rhyme.

We hope to provide the children with a language rich environment through choosing a variety of different types and styles of text and through conversations with the children. Our text choices will be led by our topics. Our first topic will be Who am I and where do I come from?

Maths

During our maths activities we will be meeting the characters from Ten Town. We will have a Ten Town number line displayed in Nursery. These characters help us to recognise our numbers and learn how they are formed. We will be learning counting rhymes which you can sing with your child at home: 5 little monkeys jumping on the bed, 5 little ducks and 5 little speckled frogs.

If your child is confident counting from 5 you can give them larger numbers to work with. Don't forget when singing to ask them to count on their fingers!

SeeSaw

We record our observations and Wow moments through SeeSaw and this will be your child's learning journal. This enables you to see what your child is up to and to be able to view your child's journal throughout the year. You may not receive daily posts but we do our best to ensure you receive regular updates. Our approach is to remark on the remarkable!

Parental engagement is really important to us so please do feel welcome to comment on your child's journal entries. You are also welcome to upload images to your child's journal of their learning and experiences at home.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask.

Reminders and Routines

To keep children safe we ask that children and parents line up along the fence on entry to Nursery to avoid any accidents and disruptions to visitors or staff entering and exiting the school. One family group is asked to enter the nursery outdoor area at a time when dropping off or collecting children. Adults are not permitted in the nursery classroom.

Home Task Scrapbooks - we hope that you enjoy completing the activities with your children. Home Task Scrapbooks will be sent home on a Wednesday and we would like them to be returned to nursery on a Monday.

Outdoor play

We adopt a free-flow approach and keep the double doors open at all times, with the exception of high winds or severe weather. Please understand that we will encourage outdoor play in all weathers and it is important that children have a suitable coat and sensible shoes.

Mrs Merritt will also take children to our mini allotment within the school. Children will wear our protective clothing, however, soil has a sneaky way of getting everywhere!

Super Star Vouchers

Super Star vouchers are to celebrate your child's achievements from home. These can be anything as long as it is personal to your child, putting on their own shoes, writing their name, etc.

Please complete the voucher and return it to nursery. It will be displayed on our Super Star wall. Feel free to ask for additional vouchers. The more the better!

Important dates

29/9/2021 (TBC) Trip to Tweddle Farm. FULL DAY
22/10/21 NO Nursery session on this day
TBC Dec Nursery Christmas Sing Along