



Nursery Autumn Newsletter

We hope you had a wonderful summer break. Below, you'll find an outline of what we'll be covering across the seven areas of learning and development this term. We hope this information helps you support your child's progress at home and gives you an insight into the exciting learning opportunities we have planned.

Our focus stories for the term include **Peace At Last**, **We're Going On A Pumpkin Hunt**, **Alien's Love Underpants** and **Kipper's Christmas Eve**. Throughout the term, we will be paying particular attention to language development, encouraging your child to express themselves, build vocabulary, and engage in conversations both in the classroom and at home. We will introduce new words through stories, songs, rhymes and everyday experiences, encouraging children to listen carefully, ask questions, share their ideas and develop confidence when speaking. We will also encourage children to retell familiar stories, join in with repeated phrases and begin to talk about characters, settings and events.

In addition to these stories, we will explore a range of exciting topics, including:

- Autumn/Harvest
- Halloween
- Remembrance Day
- Nursery Rhyme Week
- Children in Need
- Christmas/Winter



We look forward to a term full of learning, fun, and seasonal celebrations, with plenty of opportunities for your child to develop and grow their language skills!

Cold weather

As you know our children like to play in the outdoor area as much as possible. As the weather gets colder, please ensure your child has a warm coat and hat.

Session Times

Drop-off: 8.30 – 8.45

Pick-up: 11.15– 11.30

Snack & Drink Policy

We provide a fruit snack and milk during the session. We will also provide water throughout the session in line with our school policy.

Communication and Language

We will provide lots of opportunities for children to develop their listening and speaking skills through stories, group discussions, singing, role play and small-group activities. We will encourage children to listen to others, follow instructions, answer questions and use increasingly detailed sentences to share their thoughts and experiences.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will support children to become increasingly independent and confident learners. We will explore emotions, friendships, sharing and turn-taking, helping children to recognise and talk about their feelings and understand the feelings of others. Children will be encouraged to solve problems, make choices and develop positive relationships with their peers and adults.

Physical Development

Through our indoor and outdoor provision, children will have opportunities to develop both their gross and fine motor skills. We will explore climbing, balancing, running, throwing and catching, alongside activities such as threading, cutting, drawing, painting and using tools. We will also continue to encourage independence with self-care skills such as dressing, handwashing and using the toilet.

Literacy

Our focus stories will provide a rich foundation for developing a love of books and storytelling. Children will have opportunities to explore characters, settings and story sequences. We will encourage children to listen to and join in with stories, rhymes and songs, while developing their phonological awareness through sound games, rhythm and alliteration.

Mathematics

We will begin by developing children's colour recognition through fun, practical experiences, encouraging them to identify, name and talk about different colours. Children will explore matching and sorting objects by colour, shape and other characteristics, helping them to develop early mathematical thinking and problem-solving skills. As the term progresses, we will build on these skills through counting, recognising numerals and comparing quantities, using hands-on activities and everyday experiences. Number rhymes, songs and games will support children's understanding of numbers in an enjoyable and meaningful way.

Understanding the World

Our stories and seasonal experiences will encourage children to explore the world around them. We will investigate Autumn, changes in the weather, animals, pumpkins, space and Christmas traditions. Giving children opportunities to observe, ask questions, investigate and make connections. We will encourage children to talk about their families, communities and experiences while developing an understanding of similarities and differences.

Expressive Arts and Design

Creativity will be at the heart of our provision. Children will have opportunities to explore painting, drawing, music, movement, singing, role play and small-world play. We will encourage children to use their imagination, experiment with different materials and express their own ideas. Our focus stories will inspire opportunities for children to act out stories, create props and characters, and develop their own imaginative narratives.

Throughout the term, we will follow the children's interests and build on their individual strengths and next steps. Play will remain at the centre of our learning, with adults supporting, modelling and extending children's ideas through meaningful interactions. We look forward to a term full of curiosity, creativity, discovery and lots of wonderful learning!

Home Loan Books

We would also love to work in partnership with families to foster a love of stories at home. **Please make use of our home loan books available in the cloakroom**, where you can choose a book to take home and share together. Reading regularly with your child, talking about the pictures, asking questions and encouraging them to join in with familiar phrases are wonderful ways to support their language, listening and early literacy skills while making story time an enjoyable part of everyday life!



Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Schumm and Miss Smith.

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