

Autumn Term Nursery

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Autumn term, we will begin by getting to know one another and settling into our Nursery environment. We will explore our rules, routines and expectations, helping the children to feel safe, confident and ready to learn.

Through a range of engaging activities, we will celebrate our similarities and differences, learning about our emotions and exploring what makes each of us unique and special. We will also use our senses to investigate the world around us and discover more about the Autumn season through stories, songs, play and hands-on experiences.

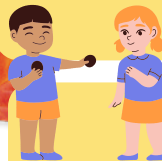
As we move into the second half of the term, our learning will focus on celebrations and fantastic festivals. We will discover how people around the world celebrate special occasions, exploring different traditions, cultures, music, food and festivities. Throughout the term, we will learn lots of new songs and rhymes as we prepare for our EYFS Christmas performance. We look forward to sharing our learning, celebrating together and getting into the festive spirit!

We cannot wait to share our learning with you.

Communication and Language

This term, we will support children to develop their listening, attention and speaking skills through conversations, stories, songs and play. We will encourage children to talk about themselves, share their ideas and feelings, listen to others and take turns when communicating.

As we explore Autumn, our senses, celebrations and festivals, children will learn and use new vocabulary, ask questions and talk about their experiences. We will also enjoy learning songs and rhymes as we prepare for our EYFS Christmas performance, building confidence and communication skills along the way.



How to help at home...



You can support your child's Communication and Language development by talking together about their day, asking open-ended questions and giving them time to respond. Reading stories, singing songs and nursery rhymes, and introducing new words during everyday activities are great ways to build vocabulary. Encourage your child to talk about what they can see, hear, smell and feel as you explore the world around you. Sharing family experiences, looking at photos and talking about celebrations and traditions will also help develop their confidence and communication skills.



Physical Development

This term, we will develop children's gross and fine motor skills through a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. Children will have opportunities to run, climb, balance, jump and move in different ways, while building confidence and coordination.

Through creative activities, playdough, puzzles, mark-making and using different tools, we will strengthen hand and finger muscles and develop control. We will also practise important self-care skills such as dressing, feeding and managing personal needs, helping children become more independent.



Personal, Social, Emotional Development

This term, we will support children to settle into Nursery, build relationships and develop confidence. We will encourage children to make friends, share, take turns and understand our Nursery rules and routines. Through activities exploring similarities, differences and what makes us special, children will develop a positive sense of themselves and learn to respect others. We will also support children to recognise and talk about their feelings and emotions, developing independence, resilience and confidence as they learn and play together.

How to help at home...



Encourage your child to be active every day through activities such as walking, running, climbing, dancing and playing in the park. At home, activities like playdough, drawing, puzzles, threading and using child-friendly scissors can help strengthen their fine motor skills.

Encourage your child to practise independence too, such as putting on their coat, fastening shoes, using cutlery and tidying away their toys. Praise their efforts and allow them plenty of time to have a go for themselves.

How to help at home...



You can support your child by encouraging them to talk about their feelings, helping them name and understand different emotions. Give them opportunities to make simple choices and become more independent, such as helping to get dressed, tidying up and helping with small tasks. Encourage sharing, turn-taking and kind behaviour through everyday play and family activities. Talk about what makes your family special and celebrate differences, helping your child to develop confidence, self-esteem and respect for others.



Literacy

This term, we will develop children's love of books, stories, songs and rhymes through daily shared reading and storytelling. Children will have opportunities to talk about characters, events and pictures, building their vocabulary and understanding.

Through mark-making, drawing, painting and early writing activities, children will develop their fine motor control and confidence to make marks and give meaning to them. We will also enjoy seasonal and celebration-themed stories, songs and rhymes throughout the term.



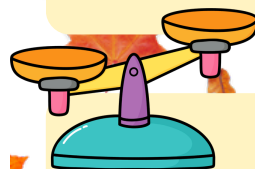
How to help at home...

Share stories and books together every day, encouraging your child to talk about the pictures, characters and what might happen next. Sing nursery rhymes and songs together to help develop rhythm, rhyme and listening skills. Encourage mark making in different ways such as sticks in damp sand, colouring, painting or with chalks. Making literacy fun and part of everyday experiences.



Maths

Throughout the term, we will support the children's early maths development through fun, practical and play-based experiences linked to our topics. We will explore counting, matching, sorting, patterns, shapes, size and positional language through everyday routines, songs, stories and hands-on activities. As we explore Autumn, celebrations and festivals, the children will have lots of opportunities to count objects, compare quantities, create patterns and notice numbers and shapes in the world around them. We will encourage children to develop their mathematical thinking through playful exploration, problem-solving and conversations about what they notice.



How to help at home...

You can support maths development through everyday activities such as counting objects, sorting toys, noticing shapes and talking about size, position and patterns. Singing counting songs, sharing stories and involving children in simple activities like setting the table can make maths fun and meaningful.

Here are some simple examples parents can try at home:

- Counting: "Can you count how many apples we have?"
- Sorting: "Can you put all the red socks together?"
- Shapes: "Can you find a circle in the kitchen?"

Expressive Arts and Design



Expressive Arts and Design

We will encourage children to express their ideas, feelings and creativity through a range of exciting experiences. Children will explore painting, drawing, collage, music, singing, dancing, role play and creative modelling. Linked to our Autumn topics, they will have opportunities to explore seasonal colours, create artwork, learn songs and rhymes, and use their imaginations through play. As we explore celebrations and festivals, children will also discover different music, art, traditions and ways of celebrating from around the world.

How to help at home...



Encourage creativity by giving children opportunities to draw, paint, make, sing, dance and use their imagination through role play. Simple activities such as creating Autumn pictures with leaves, making music with household objects, singing favourite songs or making decorations for celebrations can help children express themselves and develop their creativity.



Understanding the World



This term we will help children explore and make sense of the world around them through stories, conversations, play and hands-on experiences. We will learn about ourselves, our families, our Nursery environment and the changing seasons.

As we explore celebrations and festivals, children will discover different cultures, traditions, music and ways of life. We will encourage children to ask questions, share their experiences, notice similarities and differences, and develop a sense of curiosity and wonder about the world around them.



How to help at home...

Talk about what your children see and experience every day. Explore the changing seasons together, talk about family traditions and celebrations, look at different animals, plants and places, and encourage children to ask questions. Simple activities such as going on a nature walk, collecting Autumn leaves, looking at family photographs or cooking together can provide wonderful opportunities for learning and conversation.