

Nursery Autumn Term Curriculum Overview



<p>Religious Education</p> <p>Creation: Children will be taught that God created the world and we should say thank you to Him. They will also be shown how to make the sign of the cross.</p> <p>God our Father cares for us: Children will know that they are loved and cared for and that their families are a gift from God. They will also learn why it is important to say sorry.</p> <p>Advent: Children will learn that advent is a special time and they are getting ready for a special event. They will be taught that the advent wreath is a symbol of this time.</p> <p>Christmas - Mary the Mother of Jesus: Children will hear the Christmas story and will be taught that Mary is Jesus' mother.</p> <p>Children will also learn the daily prayers and look at how other faiths celebrate special festivals such as Diwali.</p>	
<p>Literacy</p> <p>Reading: Children will be encouraged to listen to stories, joining in with repeated refrains, anticipating key events and what will happen next. They will be encouraged to look at books independently, showing an interest in pictures and print. Children will be encouraged to hold a book correctly and learn that, in English, print is read from left to right and top to bottom. Children will be learning a variety of nursery rhymes and should be able to recite them back independently.</p> <p>Writing: Children will be encouraged to give meaning to the marks that they make. They will be encouraged to hold a pencil correctly and will begin to write their own name. Children will be improving their fine motor skills by doing "dough disco" and write dance.</p>	
<p>Numeracy</p> <p>Number: Children will develop an understanding of number order through rhymes, number songs and games. Children will be taught about the representation of numbers using fingers, objects and marks on paper, as well as learning how to count objects correctly. Children will learn to recite numbers to 10. Children will learn to compare 2 groups of objects.</p> <p>Shape, Space and Measure: Children will be given the opportunity to discover shapes in the indoor and outdoor environment. They will also be encouraged to use positional language.</p>	
Communication and Language	Children will be encouraged to listen carefully, follow routine and instructions as well as maintaining concentration. They will develop their vocabulary and their ability to hold a two way conversation. They will respond to simple instructions. They will begin to retell a simple past event during circle time.
P.S.E.D	Children will learn to share with their friends and to play cooperatively. Children will be encouraged to form special friendships with other children and will have the opportunity to try new activities. They will learn about friendly behaviour and will be expected to demonstrate this in the Nursery environment. Children will know that some behaviour is unacceptable and will follow the class rules.
Physical Development	Children will start to understand the concept of healthy eating through snack time. They will be encouraged to move confidently in a variety of ways, avoiding obstacles. Children will develop control when using items such as jugs, books and mark-making tools. Children will be encouraged to put on their own coats and to show independence when going to the toilet and washing their hands. They will also learn how to hold a pencil and use scissors correctly. Children will learn to move freely and in a variety of ways.
Understanding the world	Children will have the opportunity to play with a variety of small world models such as farms, garages and train tracks. They will be encouraged to learn basic skills for turning on and operating some ICT equipment. Children will start to understand that they will have similarities and differences to others.

Expressive Arts and Design	Children will be encouraged to join in in singing their favourite songs. They will be taught about different sounds such as banging, shaking and tapping, as well as showing an interest in musical instruments. Will be able to access the role play area with a variety of dressing up outfits and props.
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Other Activities / Visits	Autumn walk. Visit to the library / library visitor. Visit to Father Christmas / Nativity Story.
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Homework Arrangements:

Every **Friday** children will be given a ‘Home News’ sheet. Children will be encouraged to talk to the teachers and children in the nursery about what they did at the weekend/over the holidays. They can draw a picture and attach a photograph if they wish. The children will also be given a “petal” every **Friday** for our “Wow Flowers” display. This will give parents the opportunity to write about any achievements the children have had at home. The petals will be attached to the flowers on the display.

Home Reading:

Every **Friday** your child will be able to choose a book from our Nursery library. Please can you ensure your child’s book is in their bag every day and it will be changed every **Friday**. This book is for you to read with your child at home.

Useful Information:

Please ensure all clothing is labelled. We would appreciate it if all children could have a spare set of clothes (including pumps/spare shoes) on their peg. Thank you.