

Nursery newsletter

Autumn term 1

We would like to start by welcoming all our new children and their families. It has been a busy few days getting to know everybody and the children are doing well with the settling process. Our 'old' children have been brilliant role models for the new children and have been helping them become familiar with the Nursery routines.

Tapestry

All children in Nursery will have a Tapestry account where we will share their 'wow' moments. All email addresses returned via the consent form have been added and an activation email would have been sent to you. Please speak to a member of staff if you need further support in accessing Tapestry. The links do expire after a short time, but we can send another if needed. We would also love to see any learning from home, and you are encouraged to share special moments with us via Tapestry observations.

Footwear

Nursery children wear shoes indoors and often take their shoes off to play. Unless your child can tie and untie their own laces, please do not send them to Nursery in shoes with laces.

As the weather turns wetter, children will need to change into wellies when playing in the garden. Please send a pair of **named** wellies in for your child. These can be stored in the welly rack outside the Nursery.

Things to remember...

Your child needs to have a spare set of clothes in case of toileting accidents or getting wet/dirty through play.

Your child needs a water bottle each day and we are happy to refill with water as needed.

Please ensure your child's belongings are all named so we can give items back if we find anything.

Library sessions

We are delighted to be able to start out Nursery library sessions where your child is loaned a book bag and will be choosing a book each week to bring home. This will be on either a **TUESDAY MORNING** or **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON** – please remember to bring your book bags each week.

Once you have shared the book together, please record your child's response in the exercise book that will be inside the book bag. This may be a drawing your child has done, or you could record what your child said about the book.

If books/book bags are lost, we ask that you replace them please.

Harvest Festival

We have been discussing harvest time and talking about the people we need to thank for providing us with food. We've been busy learning some songs and we can't wait to perform for you at our Harvest Festival assembly (Thursday 1st October 2.45pm).

Humankind topic

This half term we will be discussing how we look similar and different to each other. We hope to create some self-portraits for display in our classroom. We will be exploring colour mixing with paint and looking closely at our features in mirrors.

Talk 4 Writing

We will be learning a story called 'Finding a Friend' and becoming familiar with the vocabulary. We will create a visual story map, using pictures which will enable the children to tell the story without needing to read the words. We will be sharing a photo of our story map via Tapestry when it is complete.

Voluntary contributions

To find activities such as cooking, making playdough, and food tasting for special occasions, we ask for a voluntary contribution for supplies (minimum suggested donation for an entire term is £5. This would cover September – December). We may have to stop these learning opportunities if we run out of funds. Thank you in advance for your generosity, the children really enjoy cooking, and it teaches them valuable life skills. Your donations can be paid in cash to a member of Nursery staff.

Many thanks in advance.

Snack

Many thanks to those who have returned their snack letters stating their preferences to either pay for Nursery snack, or to opt and send snacks from home. We have spare letters should you need another copy, just ask a member of staff.

If you are sending snack from home for your child, please ensure you send it on the first day of the week that your child attends Nursery. Please send enough snack for the week, we have 2 snacks per day in Nursery.

All snacks should be clearly named and can be stored in Nursery. It helps if you have a named, plastic tub/box.

We are a **nut free** school and snacks are encouraged to be healthy. We would appreciate snacks that need no/very minimal preparation by staff, such as whole fruits/vegetables.

Our weekly timetable

(subject to change at short notice)

Monday morning	Tuesday morning	Wednesday morning	Thursday morning	Friday morning
Number of the week	Library	PE	Talk 4 Writing	Phase 1 phonics
Monday afternoon	Tuesday afternoon	Wednesday afternoon	Thursday afternoon	Friday Afternoon
Number rhymes	Music	Library	Nursery rhymes	Bikes and physical play

Please note children will be working barefoot for PE so any practice with putting socks and shoes on at home will help. Earrings should be removed or covered with plaster before coming to Nursery and long hair needs to be tied up for PE sessions. Please ensure your child is wearing comfortable clothing for moving around in. Please avoid shoes with laces.

THANK YOU