



Autumn Newsletter

Dates for your diary

Meet & Greet Parents' Evening is on Wednesday 12th October
 Last day of half-term is Friday 21st October 2022
 Children return on Monday 7th November 2022
 Last day of the Autumn Term is Wednesday 21st December 2022
 Children return on Thursday 5th January 2023

Nursery

Staff



Miss Samways



Miss Hession



Miss Scott

3 STEPS TO INDEPENDENCE

I can go to the toilet by myself, remembering to flush and wash my hands

I can put my coat on and zip it up all by myself

I can tidy away my toys all by myself



General Notes

- Please ensure **ALL** of your child's clothing is labelled with their name. It is your child's responsibility to keep their belongings safe.
- Please be aware that we have some children with severe allergies. Do ensure your child does not bring any outside food in their pockets or bags. We provide children with milk and fruit every day.
- If your child borrows any items of clothing from Nursery, please ensure they are washed and brought back as soon as possible. Any donations of unwanted clean clothes would be greatly appreciated.
- Please be aware that the morning session is from 8.30 – 11.30 and the afternoon session is from 12.00 – 3.00. Please make sure you are on time to drop off and pick up your child.
- We have a reclaimed materials modelling table. If you have any empty clean food boxes, containers, bottles etc., please bring them in!
- Children must be able to dress themselves (coats/zips etc) and confidently use the toilet. If your child can't, please help and encourage them to do so as this helps them to build confidence and independence.
- Please ensure that if your child is unable to tie laces they learn and practise at home. Until they are able to tie their laces, please make sure they only wear shoes with Velcro straps.
- Please ensure that you inform the class teacher of any changes to the collection of your child.

Lateness

Please ensure you arrive to Nursery at least five minutes before your child starts Nursery to avoid being late. If you are more than five minutes late, you will need to take your child to the main office, to register their attendance. Your child will then receive a late mark.

If you are late picking up your child, they will be taken to the office where you will to collect them. This will be recorded and dated in the late arrivals log.

Communication

Need to talk to your child's teacher?

Remember – you don't need to wait until Parents' Evenings to talk to your child's class teacher. Messages or information can be shared when you drop off /collect your child. If you need a conversation, make an appointment – your child's teacher will normally see you on the same day.

Reminders

- **Reading** - We read with the children every day in small groups and share a story with the whole class during circle time. We encourage parents to read with their children as much as they can at home and we have a box full of books that can be borrowed.
- **Writing** – Please encourage and help your child to write their name at home.
- If you know any nursery rhymes or children's songs/poems, please enjoy these at home with your children; if you don't know many, there are lots of books containing rhymes for young children, you could visit the local library and borrow books from there.
- Please ask your child about their day at school and bring in any work from home to celebrate with friends and teachers.

Could you please ensure that your child does not play on the outdoor equipment at the start and end of the day.

Nursery Information Autumn Term 2022

Literacy

After half-term, once the children are settled we will begin to learn the phonemes from Jolly Phonics, where they will learn the sounds and letters of the alphabet.

The aim is for children to use these to blend simple words (such as 'cat'). Each week we will have a class reader (e.g., Farmer Duck), which the children will read regularly, talk about and write about where appropriate.

Children will be encouraged to use the phonemes they have learned in phonics lessons to write simple words, as well as some basic 'tricky' words (e.g. 'I', 'the').

Expressive Arts and Design

On Wednesday mornings children will have an art session and a music session. In these lessons, they will explore their creativity through various mediums, using different materials, tools and instruments.

During exploring time children will have the opportunity to create using both art and role play materials. Each class also has an imaginative small world area, in which children can introduce their own narratives into their play.

Communication & Language

This half term we will focus on children's understanding of the new routine and rules of reception. This includes playing alongside other children and getting to know all of the new adults. Children will be encouraged to talk about themselves and use a variety of vocabulary. We introduce new vocabulary every day using children's talk and key words relating to school.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

Children are building their confidence to explore and try new activities in their learning environment. They are also being encouraged to be independent wherever possible, such as keeping the classroom tidy and managing their own possessions. We hold regular circle times to discuss what is going well and to address any difficulties the children may be having.

Physical Development

Every Wednesday children will take part in a PE lesson in which they will learn various team games and different types of movement. In class we are learning about our routines, including hand washing and keeping clean, and why this is important. Healthy eating is encouraged at lunch time and morning snack time. Each classroom has a 'fine motor table' where activities such as playdough will help to develop or reinforce the children's manipulation of objects, including grip of a pencil.

Maths

The children are learning how to subitise, show a number, using their fingers and objects. They are practising their counting and number formation every day. They will also learn how to match numbers to amounts, as well as to recognise numbers and amounts in their learning environment. They will also explore 2D shapes and talk about what they know or notice.

Understanding the world

Our topic after half-term is 'All About Me,' Children will be learning about where they come from, their families and how they are similar and different to their peers. Children will be encouraged to describe themselves and see themselves as valuable individuals. We will also learn about festivals; this term will focus on Diwali and how people celebrate it.