



NURSERY NEWSLETTER

Advent 1 Half Termly Newsletter from your Nursery Team

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Nursery Academy. We hope you have had a wonderful summer! We are excited to spend lots of time with the children so we can have lots of fun and get to know each and every one. We have lots of exciting learning planned!



A warm welcome to Miss Kendrick who will be working Thursdays and Fridays

Our top priority



Our first priority this half term is to help your child settle happily into our class. The children are adapting to our new routines and

starting to feel very much at home! We are so proud of all the children as they are coming into nursery independently and accessing a variety of learning. We will talk and learn about our whole school values over the next few weeks. For the first half term, we will continue with our 'wonder question **I wonder who is making that noise?** A huge focus will continue on developing the children's listening skills. The children will join in with lots of songs and games to encourage them to become part of a team. We are exploring the idea of who we are at The Good Shepherd. We will create a school map and go for a walk all the way to Mrs Toner's office. We will also be looking at families. The children will talk about who they live with, where they live and what they like to do with their families. We will have a super time exploring the classroom both inside and out. They will be seeing new things, selecting their own resources and developing their playing skills to allow them to be confident learners.

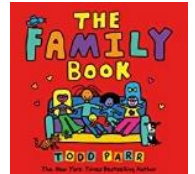
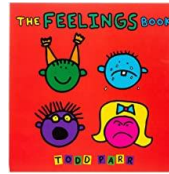


The rhymes we will be learning are:

Head, shoulders, knees and toes – we will explore tempo and adapt the song to include a variety of body parts.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5 once I caught a fish alive – we will explore the number aspect and also what other animals we might catch!

The key stories we will be learning are:



The children will be joining group sessions and developing their listening and concentration skills. They will be tuning into different sounds, rhymes and following instructions. The group sessions will include key texts, rhymes and other activities such as: using a parachute to zoom the animals into space, using Lycra (stretchy wetchy) to interact with its stretchiness and work as a team with lots of action songs and number rhymes with puppets!



'MYSELF'

All of our learning is underpinned by our Catholic Faith. Our first topic is 'Myself'. The children will know and understand the importance of their name and that God knows and loves them.

We will also be learning our nursery prayers and how to make the sign of the cross. As part of our project, we would really like a family photograph for each child. Please email a photograph to:

kdickson@goodshepherd.notts.sch.uk

Important dates for your diary:

Parents evening – 17th October 2023

Family photo deadline – 18th September 2023

Please note there may be some additional dates and information sent to you via MyEd, which you will receive to your email address that you provided when you filled in the starting school forms.

