



# NURSERY NEWSLETTER

## Advent 2 Half Termly Newsletter from your Nursery Team

Welcome back to the final part of the Advent term. It sounds like lots of you had fun over the half term break. The children have returned to Nursery full of energy and eager to learn. We are really looking forward to the exciting learning we have planned.

### RE

We are now going to build on what we have already learned that God loves us and knows our names. It is lovely to hear that lots of children have been sharing their prayers with you at home. Our next topics are: Baptism, Hanukkah and Christmas. We will start with baptism. If your child would like to bring in something special from their baptism, that would be lovely. It could be anything from the special day such as a candle, special outfit or gift or a photograph. Building up to Christmas, we will be learning about birthdays and how special they are. We will have a birthday party for our fairy on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 – party clothes can be worn for the day.**



### Personal and social skills

We had a really special half term becoming 'Team Nursery.' We have connected as a group and have built our own wonderful little community. It is time for us to build on this even further. We are going to make a tool kit to help us when we feel like the angry colour monster. We have got special cuddly teddies and we will learn to talk to each other so we can resolve any issues to ensure we all feel happy and ready to learn. The children will also learn how to use the digital timers to help with sharing and turn taking. This has already been a hit! We will also be encouraging the children to become independent and put their own coat on and shoes.



**Please ensure children are wearing shoes that ensures they can have a go themselves – please avoid laces and buckles, Velcro shoes are perfect!**

We will be focusing on our school value **Be Joyful**. Our Liturgical prayer this half term is the story 'The man on the roof'. The man who was healed by Jesus was full of joy. He could walk again. What brings us joy? What makes us happy? We are going to have lots of lovely discussions to find out.

### Writing for a purpose

Barnaby and Barbara are our little fairies that live in our kitchen. I know lots of you have already heard about them! The children have been so engaged with the magic! At the end of last half term we learned about the power of writing. We wrote Mrs Toner a letter and we have done lots of drawings. This half term, we will be focusing on a good pencil grip for writing, the letters in our names, how we write from left to right and how to add a kiss and a hug at the end of our letters! If you would like to write any letters at home. We would LOVE to look and read them at Nursery.

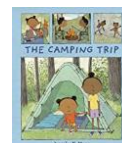
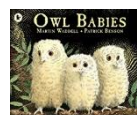


### We love reading

This half term we are learning about the author Julia Donaldson. We will be looking at lots of her books and how to spot them. If you have any at home that you would like to share for a story time, that would be wonderful! We will also be sharing seasonal poems illustrated by Mrs Dickson's favourite illustrator Mark Hearld.



Our key texts are:



We will be learning to:

- How to locate the title, front cover, back cover, title and blurb
- Look at the difference between the text and illustrations
- We always read from left to right and from the top of the page to the bottom
- Answer questions about the characters, what they did and what happened in the story

### *Super scientists!*

This half term, we will be learning all about the animals that live around us, during the night time in our gardens, local parks and woodlands. We will be using information books to learn about the animals. We will also be talking to some teachers from big school who are experts on this topic. We will consider how we can keep our environments safe and investigate around school to help keep them safe. We hope we won't find any litter! We will also be role playing camping in the woods. We will be: tent building, using torches to go on pretend woodland walks, toasting marshmallows and looking at what happens to them before eating smores!



### *Maths*

This half term, we are learning the song 5 fat sausages sizzling in a pan:  
We will learn the following skills and knowledge:

- Subitise to 1. This is where you do not need to count small amounts. You can visually just see the amount.
- Careful counting by pointing to one sausage at a time
- We will be creating and extending repeating patterns e.g. stick, leaf, stick, leaf
- Exploring 3D bricks by stacking vertically, horizontally and making enclosures for woodland animals.



### *Being creative*

We are going to get our creative juices running and learn about an artist called Yayoi Kusama. We will create stripes with lots of colour and polka dots. We will learn and appreciate the delights of autumn by looking at beautiful leaves and explore their colours and form. The children will also be introduced to sticky tape...the possibilities are endless! We will also challenge the children to make enclosures (owl homes and tents) in our construction areas.



On Monday mornings, the children are always in awe of Mr Walters and his beautiful singing voice and guitar playing. We are now going to form our own Nursery band! We will look at different ways to play the instruments and change the volume and tempo.

### *Nursery Christmas Stay and Play*

We will be holding a lovely festive afternoon for you and your child on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023. We will be making Christmas crafts, singing Christmas songs, retelling the story of the first Christmas and enjoying festive treats.



### *Exciting news...*

**We are so excited to launch our newly revamped outdoor area. The children are going to have so much fun!**



### **Important dates for your diary:**

**Nursery rhyme week – week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November – learn a Nursery rhyme to share**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Barnaby's birthday party – wear party clothes**

**Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup> 2.15pm – 3.30pm. Nursery Christmas Stay and Play**