



NURSERY NEWSLETTER

Pentecost 1 Half Termly Newsletter from your Nursery

We hope you had a restful break and that your children are ready for the exciting learning and exploration that lies ahead! We look forward to seeing all that they achieve.

Traditional tales



Our topic this half term is traditional tales. We will learn that traditional tales have been around for a long time and continue to get retold. We will look at old books and new

books to make comparisons. The children love listening to stories. If any of you would like to join us in Nursery to retell your favourite traditional tale, please speak to a member of the team. Finally, if you visit the library and spot a traditional tale, please do bring it in to show us!

Sikhism and Islam

We are learning about other communities and their traditions and special times. We will be learning about what Sikhs and Muslims celebrate, their family traditions, what they wear and the delicious food they eat. We are excited to welcome some special guests into Nursery and hear all about their lives.



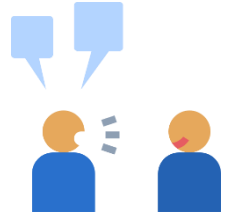
Reading books

As the children are getting closer to starting Reception, we are going to be sending home some reading books. These books will help you and your child establish a reading routine in preparation for September. You will receive a video from Mrs Dickson and Mrs Kitching so you know how to use the books. Any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.



Speaking and listening

The children have been become so confident when using their loud and proud voices. The children have also been working hard to talk in sentences. We love listening to the children as they always have such great ideas and see the world in a wonderful way. We are extending this now and encouraging children to agree and disagree and offer their opinion. We will be encouraging them to use the words 'I think' and 'because'. Whilst you're having your dinner or car journeys, offer some statements and see if your child agrees or disagrees with you. We are going to start with 'Only grown ups should eat chocolate'. I wonder what the children will think!



Using our Imaginations

Our children are so creative and always bring great narratives into their play, both in role play and small world play. We are going to challenge them even further and offer resources that will require them to use their imagination such as wooden rings for the fruit shop or small wooden blocks to represent the billy goats. This will encourage them to share their ideas and think deeply. We are excited to introduce the loose parts and let their imaginations go wild!

Drawing club

The children have started to create very detailed drawings. We have encouraged them to look at detail and take their time. We will be spending time each week looking at marks they make in response to music and pictures. We always encourage children 'pinch their pencil' to get a good grip.

Maths

We are going to learn some super skills this half term. We are going to explore how to fix broken repeating patterns, the meaning of more and fewer, we will be comparing heavy and light objects and learn how to play shape bingo.

Our key rhyme for this half term is:

- 5 little ducks went swimming one day

We will learn the rhyme really well and explore lots of counting skills including subitising and careful counting up to 5. We will spend time exploring numerals and amounts: for example, showing the right number of objects to match the numerals up to 5.



PE ball skills

This half term we are learning how to use balls to kick, throw and catch with precision. We are excited to practise our skills in the garden!

Creating with materials

We have explored a variety of painting techniques including paint brushes, blowing bubbles, using string, scrapers and other tools. This half term, we are moving onto collage. We will be exploring the properties of materials such as the way it looks and feels. We will study an artist called Benon Lutaaya who recycles lots of materials to create his art. We will use his technique to create a collage of the Troll from the 3 Billy Goats Gruff.



Let's get growing!

We are going to learn how to keep our plants in Nursery alive! Once we have remembered what they need, we are going to put our knowledge to the test and grow some cress. Hopefully that will stop the Troll wanting to eat the goats!

Writing and Sounds – Write

The children have really taken off with their mark making and they understand the difference between drawing and writing. Their name writing is also well formed with many recognisable letters. We will continue to practise this to ensure children have a strong pencil grip. We are now going to introduce our phonics scheme Sounds – Write. Children will learn that sounds can be represented by letters. We will learn the following:



a, i, s, t, m

Here is a link to the Sounds-Write website if you would like further information.

<https://sounds-write.co.uk/>

This is a free parent course that is very useful.

<https://www.udemy.com/user/54e5c34e6b89b/>

The most important thing as a parent is to use pure sounds. Here is a QR so you can see Mrs Dickson explain them. Any questions, please ask a member of the team.



Wheelgate trip

We have sent you a letter about our annual family trip to Wheelgate! This will take place in Pentecost 2. Please send your reply slips back ASAP.

Final note!

We ask for £1 a half term to contribute towards baking and additional snacks. We would really appreciate it if you could pay a teacher at the door. We thank you for your contribution of this.

Please always speak to a member of the team if you need any further information or support about your child. We are always here to help.

