

Nursery Class

Spring Newsletter 2026

Welcome back! We hope you all had a great break with your family and friends. We look forward to our new nursery children starting with us over the coming week and joining our nursery family.

Our topics are: People Who Help Us, Transport, Journeys and Adventures

This term we will be learning about different people within the community who help us when we have an emergency such as doctors, paramedics, the police and the fire service. Children will be given lots of opportunities to act in role using props and costumes. We will also be developing our knowledge and skills further about brushing teeth and how important it is to visit the dentist. We will look at different types of transport, talking about their similarities and differences and how transport is used to make journeys to different places in the world. Also, we will look at some traditional tales where we will explore the journeys that characters go on and what they see; creating maps of their journeys.



Later on in the term, we will learn about different places such as Space, The Ocean and The Jungle and what can be found there.



Literacy

We will continue to share books and poems with your child daily as part of our story time. Your child will continue with their phonics journey; learning to identify the initial sounds in words, notice objects which start with the same sound and orally blend words as well. We will continue to teach nursery rhymes each week where they will be taught about rhyme, alliteration and to identify syllables in words. In small groups, your child will also learn to name parts of a book, and explore the purposes of print, learning that we read from left to right and from top to bottom. We will also learn new vocabulary and start to answer questions about stories and information books to build their comprehension skills. Adults will be modelling writing within children's learning experiences encouraging them to make marks for real reasons e.g. shopping lists/prescriptions and labels. We will also really focus this term on helping your child to develop their pencil grip and support them with writing some letter shapes in their name, starting and finishing letters in the correct position.



Maths

This term, our daily Maths sessions will focus on counting forwards and backwards from different numbers up to 10 and beyond. Children will also count larger amounts of objects reliably understanding that the last number counted is the total. We will embed subitising to 3, where we will spot and say a total (using objects of same size and shape) without needing to count them. We will also practise reading numerals and record groups and sets of objects using pictures and symbols.

Children will also learn about 2D and 3D shapes, comparing them and learning vocabulary to talk about the properties of shape, taking part in shape hunts in the classroom and around the school. Children will also be sequencing different events in order and creating patterns.



Personal, Social and Emotional

Children will be learning about people who help them and keep them safe and how to keep themselves and others safe in school and outside of school.



Physical development

Children will continue to access our outside front garden to develop their gross motor skills daily and will take part in regular 'Squiggle while you Wiggle' or 'Dough Disco sessions for our younger nursery children. On **Wednesday** mornings, we will use the main school hall for gymnastics, where children will be making shapes and balances with their bodies on the floor and on simple apparatus. **Please ensure your child does not wear earrings on this day.**

Fine motor activities will be set up daily where children can strengthen their finger and hand muscles needed to write; using dough, hammers, and tweezers to pick up different objects.



Help at home

Children access the outside area every day, in all weathers so please ensure your child brings a coat to school and a hat, gloves etc when it is cold. **These need to be labelled with your child's name.**

Reading folders with reading books and reading diaries should be in school every day. Books are changed each week. Please make sure you write down when you have shared the book together – books are only changed once we see a brief comment in the reading diary.



On Thursdays we will have a 'Show and Tell' time where a child is chosen each week to bring in something from home (a memento/ photograph) that they got when they visited a new place or from a holiday. We hope that over time, we will be able to show different places on a world map or globe to develop children's knowledge of different places in the world. A dojo message will be sent out to you when your child has been chosen and it would be really helpful if you could share a little bit of information about the trip or visit so adults can support your child with talking and sharing. This can be done through a dojo message.



On Fridays, all parents and carers are invited in for our new 'Books and biscuits' sessions together with your child from our collection in school at 11.15am and 3.05pm.

Please do come and talk to us if you have any questions and check class dojo regularly to keep up to date with messages, information and class and whole school events as well.

We look forward to another very successful term with your wonderful children.

Miss Smith, Mrs Redding, Mrs Kimble, Ms Wood and Ms Hibbert.