

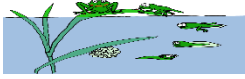


Nursery Class

Summer Newsletter 2026

Welcome back! We hope you all had a great break with your family and friends.

We are looking forward to another exciting term in nursery class, full of exciting learning opportunities for your children. At the end of this term, our older nursery children will join and visit the local library.



Our topics are 'At the Zoo' and 'In the Garden'

We will be learning all about life at the zoo and different animals that can be found there. We will learn how to look after animals and what they need to live and grow. Also, we will explore our garden outside and hopefully find lots of insects in the garden that crawl around, learning how to care for creatures in our environment. In our pond outside, we will hatch frog spawn, finding out about the life cycle of a frog. We will also welcome some Living Eggs into the classroom and children will observe chicks hatching and learn how to care for them as well. Children will also learn about different plants and will spend time growing seeds, watching them grow and thinking about what helps plants to grow too. Towards the end of the term, we will also look at 'magical' gardens, create our own characters and compose stories together.

Literacy



We will continue to share books with your child daily as part of our story time and also learn to recite poems linked to our topics. We look forward to doing lots of learning activities based around some key books: Dear Zoo, Sam and the Sunflower, The Very Hungry Caterpillar and Superworm to name a few.

Your child will bring home a sharing book each week. We will continue learning nursery rhymes and learning sounds that words begin with and practise our oral blending skills and develop our understanding of rhyme daily. We will also learn to name more than one thing that starts with the same initial letter sound.

As part of fine motor control and writing, children will continue to build up their muscle strength by either taking part in adult led sessions: 'Dough disco' or 'Squiggle me into a Writer', where children will now start writing standard letters. Children will also have daily opportunities to mark make using different malleable materials: playdough, foam, flour, sand and have access a wealth of writing tools in our inside and outside learning provision. Our older nursery children will continue to master forming letters correctly in their first name and some will move onto writing their surname.

Maths

This term, our daily Maths learning will be linked to counting forwards and backwards, counting reliably, comparing amounts and we will start to look at how numbers are made up of different parts. We will also begin to write numerals as well. We will also be exploring maths through solving real life problems which will include using real money in different shop set ups. We will work on our understanding of time and pattern by sequencing real and fictional events, reinforce days of the week and the order of the seasons. Children will also embed the vocabulary and skills linked to measurement including: length, size, weight and capacity.



Personal, Social and Emotional

This term, we are exploring our SCARF theme: "Growing and changing."

Through this topic, the children will learn about how they grow, how they change over time, and how to celebrate what makes them unique. This supports their understanding of **safety, caring for themselves and others, achievement, resilience and friendship** in a way that is appropriate for their age.



Gross motor skills

Children will continue to develop their gross motor skills of climbing, running, hopping and skipping as part of Wednesday morning PE lessons and through daily access to our front garden space. Children will use planks, crates and other resources to practise balancing and also improve their ball skills as well as playing games and working together in teams. Children will also be practicing their pedalling skills using our new bikes and trikes.

Please ensure your child does not wear earrings on Wednesday morning or they will have to sit and watch.

Independent skills and Managing Myself

We will continue to support and teach children independence by:

- Encouraging them to put on and remove their own coat – older nursery children are now working on doing up zips too ready for their transition to Reception Class.
 - Encouraging them to put t on their own shoes on and take them off as well.
- Teaching them to be healthy through washing their hands before eating and after using the toilet.
 - Embedding the importance of twice daily teeth brushing and eating healthy food.

We do appreciate your support in helping your child to learn to master these skills as part of their learning journey at home as well.

General Information

As the weather gets hotter and sunnier, please make sure you apply suncream to your child **before** they attend their nursery session **at home**. We will ensure children have regular shaded breaks and keep hydrated with water. If providing your child with sunglasses on the way into nursery, please take them from your child as we would not want these to get lost or broken. Suncream should not be brought into school in children's bags etc for health and safety reasons.

Home Learning

Our main home learning experience in nursery, is to share and read books with your child as part of your routine at home – the more books you read to your child, the greater bank of words they will learn.

We also continue to set weekly home learning around phonics and rhyme which helps your child learn the building blocks needed for them to start reading words in books of their own when they transition to reception. We love to see videos or photos of your child learning at home so please share these on Dojo – this helps us to build a picture of your child learning at home as well as school.

And finally, please take the time to check your child's belongings have their name or initials on them: plimsolls, jackets, jumpers, and water bottles as well. These may have been replaced or washed off with wear and tear. We will check your child's nursery wellies still fit and let you know if they need a new pair.



Please do come and talk to us if you have any questions! Our parent reading sessions will continue this term on Fridays and we welcome all parents and carers to come in and read and a share a book with small groups of children in the classroom. These sessions are at: 11.15am and 3.05pm.

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

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