

Curriculum Newsletter

Nursery | Autumn Term 2 | 2024



Dear Parents and Carers. Thank you for your support so far this term. It has been delightful having the children in school and you should be proud of how hard they are working. Please let the Nursery Team know if you need any support accessing Seesaw in order to view your child's learning and we look forward to viewing on Seesaw what they have been up to at home too.

This half term, our topic is **Outdoor Adventures** and we will be focussing our learning around the key questions: ***What can you see, hear, smell and touch outdoors?***

Our 'Stunning Start' to launch our topic will be:

A visit from the Owls

The children will have the opportunities to see some real owls and find out some facts about them

We will enhance children's learning and 'Cultural Capital' with the following virtual experiences, websites and texts-

- Where and how to spot an owl:
<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lists/where-and-how-to-spot-an-owl>

Our 'Showcase' piece of work at the end of the topic will be:

Christmas performance

The children will be learning about the Nativity story. They will be dressing up and acting out different parts of the story.

Our 'Shared Outcome' to communicate our learning with others will be:

Christmas performance
Inviting families to our Nursery Christmas Nativity.



Here is a breakdown of the skills and knowledge to be covered in each subject through this topic:

Communication and Language/Literacy:

Key texts:

- Rama and Sita
- Owl Babies
- Stick Man
- Non fiction books: Woodland animals, Diwali, Christmas, Hanukah

Key skills:

- Repeat words and phrases from familiar stories
- Understand how stories are structured and name the different parts of a book
- Learn and use new vocabulary

Maths:

Key topics:

- Explore the composition of numbers and link numerals to amounts
- Compose and recognise patterns and shapes
- Make comparisons between objects relating to length and size

Useful websites:

Outdoor activities

[Nature Activities for Kids and Families - Woodland Trust](#)

Number games

[Learning to Count with these fun Counting Games \(topmarks.co.uk\)](#)

Personal, Social and Emotional Development.

Staff will encourage the development of social skills, helping children to begin to develop their sense of responsibility and become more outgoing in the safe context of our setting. We will encourage children to extend and elaborate on their play ideas.

Understanding of the World

Nursery will have the opportunity to explore how different things work. They will be encouraged to discuss the differences between materials and any changes they observe.

Physical Development

The children will have the chance to revise and refine the skills they have learnt such as running, hopping, skipping and climbing, both in the outdoor area and during PE lessons that take place on a Friday.

Expressive Arts and Design

In addition to the small world play and pretend play that they will have access to in the classroom, children will be encouraged to represent their ideas through song, movement and colour. We look forward to sharing some of our creations with you.

Reminders:

PE and Outdoor Learning Days are on a Monday and Wednesday . The children should come into school in their PE kits. No Jewellery

