



EYFS Newsletter



Autumn 1—2024/2025

Notices and Reminders

1. Please ensure all clothes are labelled as this helps when the children are changing for PE.
2. PE kits will come home at half term to be washed and check for labels.

Key dates

Tuesday 22nd October
Parents evening (3.40pm – 6.30pm)

Thursday 24th October
Parents evening (3.40pm – 6.30pm)

Parents evening slots will be available to book on Scopay. Reminders will be sent nearer the date.

Communication and Language

The communication and language focus this half term is all around settling into school and how the children can use their words to explain their feelings and make friends.

The children will also be working on their listening skills by playing lots of games inside and outside to encourage them to follow simple instructions.



Physical Development

The children will focus on gross and fine motor skills to help them develop their dexterity, strength and coordination. They will practice pre-writing skills, including patterns, holding a pencil and making marks – on a small and large scale.

In P.E. the focus is finding a space and freezing. The children are also learning to change direction when they come to an obstacle.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term is all about settling into the school environment with a focus on independence and the classroom rules.

The theme is 'Being Me in My World' which covers how it feels to belong and be part of a group along with a focus on their feelings and emotions.



Literacy

'Essential Letters and Sounds' (ELS) is used to develop our children's early reading and writing skills. The children learn 4 sounds each week, we are currently working within Phase 2. They are also learning 'Harder to Read and Spell Words' (HRWs) which cannot be sounded out.



To enhance and embed a love of stories, the children will spend time exploring, learning and asking questions about a story. The key texts will be Elmer, Mixed and The Colour Monster.

Mathematics



Maths this term will include the following areas:

Match, Sort and Compare: the children will find and group objects which match and investigate different ways of grouping them.

Measure and Pattern: The children will compare the size, mass and capacity of objects to say which is greater or smaller.

It's Me, 1,2,3: The children will explore numbers 1-3, recognising sets and dots of these numbers and different ways of making 1,2 and 3.

Recognising circles and triangles.



Understanding the World

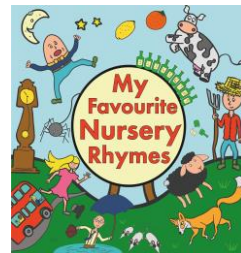
The children will be thinking about how they have changed as they have grown, talking about what they can do now compared to what they could do in the past. They will be thinking about their families and how old they are compared to other family members.

The children will be observing the changes that take place in autumn. They will have the opportunity to go outside and look for signs of autumn. They will think about how the change in weather effects animals and learning about animals that hibernate.

Expressive Arts and Design

In music the children will be listening to various pieces of music and talking about why they like or dislike them.

They will sing and perform familiar nursery rhymes identifying the pulse and add their own sounds using their body or instruments.



Homework

1. Reading daily- ELS book
2. Phonics- learning of sounds/writing of sounds
3. Reading for pleasure- story sack book/activity.

(beginning WC 16th September)



Suggested books for reading

