

# Nursery Curriculum Information

## Term 1

### Welcome to Nursery

The Nursery team are so happy to see all of the children return and venture into a new school year together and feel very proud of how well the children are settling in. The staff really value your support during this transition period and have enjoyed meeting and welcoming all of our new children, parents and carers.

Staff have been busy creating learning spaces inside and outside the nursery setting to encourage your children to develop greater independence and engagement, whilst organising themselves in their learning environments. The children engage in a wide variety of learning lead by their own interests, enabling them to build upon key skills in their communication and language, personal, social and emotional development and their physical skills.



**Topics**

Our topic for this term is 'all about me' and is designed to enable the children to gain a greater understanding of themselves and our focus is to encourage them to use their names and talk about themselves and shared experiences together. We will also be focussing upon developing their vocabulary using mark making and shape. An example of this is when the children used large cylinder pipes for rolling and this led to painting zigzags and lines onto tubes for 'talking cylinders' which enabled the children to explore how their voices can sound differently and how they can control our voices using loud and quiet.

**Autumn**

We will also focus upon autumn and the changes that this brings. If your children would like to bring conkers, acorns, leaves etc. to add to our autumn display, they are very welcome. We will also be exploring 'wet and dry' and this will link into the story of the little red Hen.

**Counting**

The children are developing their counting skills through storytelling and songs and are linking this to 'more' and 'less'. Please continue to help at home by encouraging your children to count out objects such as cutlery at dinner time or stairs, as they go up and down.

**Letters and Sounds**

The children are learning new and familiar letter sounds and words daily. Please continue to talk about the letters in their and other family members names at home, by encouraging them to hear the first letter sound of each name.

**Reading**

The children have shown great interest in stories and in handling books and this is such an amazing start at becoming a reader. Children will have the opportunity to select books daily, to enjoy at home and share with you.

**The language of learning**

The Nursery team encourage the children to succeed by acknowledging their effort and engagement. They use their vocabulary carefully to highlight to the children, that when they persevere with things that are tricky, they are learning and developing new skills. It is really important to encourage your children to have an 'I can do it' attitude which will enable them to develop a 'growth mind set' for lifelong learning.