

Nursery Newsletter – Autumn 1

A very warm welcome back to all of our returning children and families, and a special welcome to those who are joining us for the very first time! 😊

We are looking forward to an exciting term filled with learning, laughter and new experiences. The children will have lots of opportunities to play, explore, make new friends and develop new skills in a happy, safe and nurturing environment. 🌈 ✨

Starting nursery can be a big step for both children and parents, so please remember that we are here to help. If you have any questions, concerns or worries at any point during the term, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the nursery team. We value working in partnership with you to ensure every child has the very best start to their learning journey.



We can't wait for a fantastic term together! ☀️ 📖 🎨 🎵

The Nursery team



Communication and Language

This term, we will be supporting the children's communication and language development by:

✅ Following simple instructions. 📖 Exploring books independently and beginning to share stories with peers and adults.

📖 Sharing and enjoying our key stories together.

🎵 Learning songs, nursery rhymes and joining in with actions.

💬 Building confidence to use 4 words or more when talking to their key worker.

👥 Beginning to engage and communicate with friends and adults.

☀️ Learning new words and vocabulary through our Book of the Week and Song of the Week.

💡 Developing careful listening skills during small group activities.

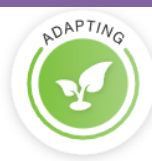
✨ We are excited to help the children develop their speaking, listening and understanding skills through lots of fun, play-based activities and shared experiences. ✨



Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)

This term, we will be supporting the children's personal, social and emotional development by:

- ☀️ Learning to accept praise and celebrate their achievements.
- 👉 Beginning to share toys and resources with others.
- 🎨 Choosing and using their own resources during play and learning.
- 😊 Starting to recognise and talk about their feelings and emotions.
- 👥 Developing positive relationships with friends and familiar adults.
- 💖 Building confidence, independence and self-esteem through everyday experiences.
- ✚ Taking part in our new Jigsaw sessions, where we will learn about ourselves, our feelings, friendships and how to be part of our nursery community.
- 💎 Through play, discussions and Jigsaw activities, we will help the children develop confidence, resilience and positive relationships with others. 💎



Physical Development

This term, we will be supporting the children's physical development by:

- 🚲 Developing gross motor skills through riding bikes and scooters, building with large blocks, and throwing and catching large balls.
- 🎨 Strengthening large muscle movements through activities such as waving scarves, painting and making marks.
- 👉 Building independence by learning to take off coats and shoes with some support.
- 🚽 Encouraging children to communicate when they need the toilet.
- 🧶 Developing fine motor skills and dexterity by threading beads and natural objects.

☀️ We will provide lots of opportunities for active play and hands-on experiences to help the children grow in confidence, independence and physical skills. ☀️



Mathematics

This term, we will be supporting the children's early maths development by:

🌈 Learning to recognise and name colours, including red, blue, yellow, green, orange and purple.

🎨 Exploring what happens when colours are mixed together to create new colours.

◆ Matching and sorting objects by their colour, size and shape.

✂️ Taking part in practical, hands-on activities to help us notice patterns, similarities and differences.

✨ Through play, exploration and exciting activities, we will help the children build their confidence and curiosity in early maths. ✨



Literacy

This term, we will be supporting the children's literacy development by:

📖 Exploring and enjoying books, learning to hold them the correct way and turn the pages carefully from front to back.

💬 Learning new words and vocabulary through the stories we share together.

🔍 Beginning to notice print in the environment, such as signs, labels and familiar logos.

☀️ Developing a love of stories through story times, book sharing and conversations about what we have read.

✨ Through books, stories and meaningful experiences, we will help the children develop early literacy skills and a lifelong enjoyment of reading. ✨



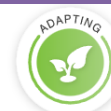
Understanding the World



This term, we will be supporting the children's understanding of the world around them by:

-  Talking about photographs of their families and the people who are special to them.
-  Learning about family members and beginning to sequence them by age (baby, child, adult).
-  Exploring materials such as sand and water using all of their senses.
-  Discovering and describing different material properties, such as hard and soft.
-  Noticing the signs of autumn, including changing leaves, cooler weather and seasonal changes in nature.
-  Developing curiosity through exploration, discussion and hands-on experiences.

We look forward to helping the children learn more about themselves, their families and the world around them this term! 🌈 ✨



Expressive Arts and Design

This term, we will be supporting the children's expressive arts and design development by:

-  Talking about the marks they make when drawing and painting.
-  Beginning to use different shapes and lines in their drawings and paintings.
-  Exploring water and paint through sensory and creative activities with support.
-  Learning and joining in with key words and phrases from familiar songs and rhymes.
-  Engaging in simple pretend play based on their own experiences and interests.
-  Exploring how to join different materials together, including using hammers and nails with support.
-  Using their imagination by pretending one object represents something else during play.

✦ Through creative activities, music, role play and exploration, we will encourage the children to express their ideas, develop their imagination and enjoy being creative. ✦

Reminders

Please ensure your child brings **wellies** and suitable outdoor clothing. We go outside in all weathers!

Every child needs a **named water bottle** each day.

A **spare change of clothes** in bags is very helpful.

If your child comes home in nursery clothes, please return them when possible.

Please upload photos to **Tapestry** — the children love sharing what they've been doing at home, and we look at photos every Wednesday.



Year group information

Red Squirrels

Nursery Lead: Mrs Willoughby

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Ladds

Please remember to name your child's school clothes.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

Dates for the diary!

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Wednesday 2nd September – We welcome our pupils back.

Wednesday 23rd September – Wrates Photographers – Individual

Wednesday 21st October – Stay and Play 1.45 - 3.00pm

Friday 23rd October – Break up for the half term break.