



# Nursery Newsletter

## Autumn 2—2023/2024



### Notices and Reminders

Don't forget to upload any achievements onto Tapestry.



### Key dates

*CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - Monday  
18th December to Monday 1st January*

Back to school - Tuesday 2nd  
January 2024

*INSET DAY - Monday 15th January 2024*

*INSET DAY - Thursday 28th March 2024*

*Further dates will be added in due course.*

### Communication and Language

We will be supporting your child's understanding of questions and how to answer these. To widen their vocabulary and continue developing listening and attention, our circle times will be based on high quality texts and themes. This term our theme is Families, Celebrations and Winter. Adults will act as play partners during child-led learning, modelling language and asking questions. We will continue to screen all children through our Wellcomm Intervention.



### Physical Development

This half term, we will be developing the children's fundamental movement skills which include balancing, running, changing direction, jumping, hopping and travelling. Children will develop gross motor skills through a range of activities.

We will be continuing to develop the children's fine motor skills with one-handed tools and equipment and to begin to develop their pencil grip.



### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children have settled well into their new environment and are beginning to form positive relationships with staff and other children. We will continue explore our emotions and self-regulation. As the children continue to strengthen friendships, we will support the children in managing turn taking and sharing resources. We will continue to embed expected behaviours and consistent routines.

## Literacy

Our core book this term will be 'Stick Man'. The children will be joining in with repeated phrases, answering questions about the story and recalling main events. We will develop children's understanding through story maps and drama. We will be learning new vocabulary through our play, and enjoying lots of stories and rhymes together. The children will be developing their book handling skills and beginning to understand that print conveys meaning. We will enjoy drawing freely and begin to make meaning to the marks we make. We will continue developing our early phonics skills through Phase 1 Letters and Sounds.

## Mathematics

We will continue to practise our sorting and classifying of objects by size and colour and then start to use this knowledge to follow a simple repeating pattern.

The children will also be learning to count out small groups of objects, making sure they say one number name for each item in order. Children will know that the last number reached tells you the total in the set (cardinal principle).



## Understanding the World

Our theme explores families and celebrations. The children will be sharing family experiences both past and present. They will know about family celebrations and events celebrated by different groups of people. Their pretend play will imitate everyday actions and events from their own family and cultural background. We will be continuing our exploration of seasons and how the weather and environment changes as we approach winter. The children will continue to use hands on experiences, use their senses to talk about the differences and changes they notice.



## Expressive Arts and Design

The children will continue to create with materials, exploring different media and using their senses to investigate them. They will learn how to include details on their drawings as well as how to create closed shapes with lines. Through our topic, the children will have opportunities to develop their imagination further, with pretend play and multi-sensory expression. As Christmas approaches, they will learn new songs and share their likes and dislikes about different pieces of music.



## How to help at home

- Go on a winter walk and play 'I Spy' or 'I Hear', notice patterns, compare to autumn, collect objects and compare them.
- Notice familiar signs and logos. Notice that print has meaning.
- Talk about what happens during the winter months: Christmas and New Year. What celebrations do you celebrate as a family?
- Talk about what animals do in the winter months? What animals live in cold places?
- Sing winter themed songs e.g., 5 Little Snowmen and I'm a Little Snowman.



## Suggested books for reading

Oxford Owl Storyteller

Videos: <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/storyteller-videos/>

There are some great Traditional Tales on here.

