



NURSERY CURRICULUM NEWS - AUTUMN TERM 2023



KEY TEXTS

Little Hedgehog's Big Day by Daniel and Heidi Howarth
Going To School by Usborne Books
Gently Bentley by Ian Whybrow
Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson
The Jolly Witch Dick King-Smith
Ouch! By Ragnhild Scamell
Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper

OUR TOPIC BIG QUESTIONS

AUTUMN 1 - ALL ABOUT ME

Who am I? What makes me special?

AUTUMN 2 - TRADITIONAL TALES

What is my favourite story?

ENRICHMENT

- Autumn nature walks linked to our changing seasons learning
- Remembrance Day
- Harvest Time
- Halloween
- Nativity
- Birthday celebrations
- Religious celebrations

OUR BRITISH VALUES

MUTUAL RESPECT

- We are all unique.
- We respect differences between different people and their beliefs in our community, in this country and all around the world.
- All cultures are learned, respected, and celebrated.

GENERAL THEMES

These themes may be adapted at various points to allow for children's interests to flow through the provision

- Starting school and getting to know my new class
- All about me (likes, interests, family)
- Being kind and making friends
- Traditional Tales and story times
- The seasons of Autumn and Winter

JIGSAW PSHE

BEING ME IN MY WORLD

I understand how it feels to belong and that we are similar and different
I can work together and consider other people's feelings

CELEBRATING DIFFERENCE

I know how it feels to be proud of something I am good at.
I can tell you one way I am special and unique.

PRIME AREAS OF LEARNING

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

We will learn :

- How to use language to talk to peers by continuing and initiating conversations
- How to greet each other and interact with friends and adults at school
- How to listen to a story and answer questions
- How to use new words to describe seasons, characters and celebrations

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We will learn :

- About our classroom rules and routines and expectations
- How to take turns and share resources with each other
- How to make friends and take care of each other
- About ourselves and how to talk about our feelings
- About how to develop self-help skills and select our own resources

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

We will learn:

- How to hold a paint brush and other mark makers for mark making
- How to put on our own coat and fasten it
- How to move in different spaces safely
- How to use equipment such as bikes/ scooters and climbing frame safely

SPECIFIC AREAS OF LEARNING

ENGLISH

We will learn:

- To listen to, and join in with familiar rhymes and stories
- Lots of Nursery rhymes
- To hear and use new vocabulary from stories, rhymes and poems
- To listen to and identify environmental sounds
- To mark make using a variety of tools and begin to draw marks on paper

MATHEMATICS

We will learn:

- Lots of number rhymes
- Exploring and identifying different patterns
- Sort objects by a variety of criteria
- Practise counting to 5 and beyond
- How to use common 2D shapes to make patterns and pictures

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

We will learn about:

- The routines of Nursery
- How to find our way around the Nursery environment
- What harvest is and different types of foods harvested in the Autumn
- Changes that take place in the natural world in Autumn and Winter
- The celebration of Diwali
- The Christmas story and related celebrations

EXPRESSIVE ART AND DESIGN

We will :

- Have opportunities to use a range of media including paint and collage materials to make our own artwork
- Learn how to join in with singing and other music activities
- Develop our own artistic ideas through model-making, painting and drawing
- How to select and use our own resources
- Use and explore a variety of tuned and untuned instruments