



# NURSERY CURRICULUM NEWS - AUTUMN TERM



## 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

## SMSC DEVELOPMENT

- Picture News to reflect on British Values and Protected Characteristics
- Religious celebrations throughout the year
- Nature walks linked to our changing seasons learning

## 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