

Welcome to Nursery - we would like to welcome all our new children who have or are starting Nursery this year and their families and also a warm welcome back to all the children and their families who were with us last year.

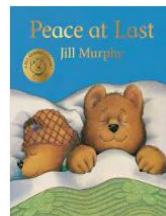
It will be an exciting time and busy year in Nursery, and we want to help and support you in every way we can. You will receive information about whole school matters through school letters, but we will also be sending out our own Nursery newsletter each week, which will outline what we are learning about and will give you activities and ideas about how you can support your child's learning at home. We will put our weekly newsletter on our Google Classroom page too and we hope you will share the work your child has been doing at home with us.

The children will begin to learn to become familiar with our Nursery classroom routines and expectations, and we will support the children to begin to manage their own self-care needs.

Topic

Our topic for this half term is 'Marvellous Me'. We will be encouraging the children to think about the people and things that are special to them and why they are marvellous! During the second half-term our topic will be 'Celebrations'.

Our focus book for this half-term is 'Peace at last' by Jill Murphy. We will also be reading a range of other fiction and non-fiction books linked to our topic. The children will also be learning nursery rhymes and action rhymes linked to the topic.



We want the children to develop a love of reading for pleasure. We will soon be resuming our Nursery Home Reading, where the children choose a book each Monday to take home and for you to read together.

The Nursery Rhymes we will be learning this half-term are: -

<p>Hickory Dickory Dock</p> <p>Hickory Dickory Dock, The mouse ran up the clock. The clock struck one and down he ran, Hickory Dickory Dock.</p> 	<p>Two Little Dickie Birds</p> <p>Two little dickie birds Sitting on a wall, One named Peter, One named Paul.</p> <p>Fly away Peter, Fly away Paul, Come back Peter, Come back Paul.</p> 	<p>Baa Baa Black Sheep</p> <p>Baa baa black sheep, Have you any wool? "Yes sir, yes sir, three bags full!" "One for the master and one for the dame, And one for the little boy who lives down the lane."</p> 	<p>Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes</p> <p>Head, shoulders, Knees and toes, Knees and toes, Head, shoulders, Knees and toes, Knees and toes.</p> <p>And eyes and ears, And mouth, And nose, Head, shoulders, Knees and toes, Knees and toes.</p> 	<p>If You're Happy And You Know It</p> <p>If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands! If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands! If you're happy and you know it, and you really want to show it, If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands!</p> 
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We will also aim to develop our observation and exploration skills by focusing on the seasonal changes around us as we move into Autumn.

Phonics

In Nursery, we follow the 'Foundations for Phonics' guidance as part of the 'Little Wandle' Phonics scheme. In Nursery, we do this by

- sharing high-quality stories and poems with children
- learning a range of nursery rhymes and action rhymes
- activities that develop focused listening and attention, including oral blending
- giving attention to high-quality language with children

Here is the link for the parents' section of the Little Wandle website.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Maths - The children will take part in daily counting activities and they will learn to use number names when counting and say number names in order to 5. The children will be learning to count and recognise numbers with the 'Numberblocks'.

Religious Education

In RE this half term, our first topic is 'Myself' (Domestic Church - Family). The children will learn about how God knows and loves all of us and knows our name. Our second topic is our Baptism/Belonging topic, where our theme will be Welcome. We will learn about what a welcome is, how we are welcomed into Nursery and how Baptism is a welcome into God's family.

Physical Development

Physical activity is vital in children's development. The children will have opportunities to develop their gross motor skills, indoors and outdoors, which will help them with their balance, spatial awareness and agility. The children will also be given opportunities to develop their fine motor skills through play with small world activities, puzzles, playdough and threading activities.

Good News - Keep us informed!

We have sent home 'Wow!' certificates - these are available for you to fill in whenever your child achieves a special goal. Perhaps they can put on their shoes, ride a bike, try a new food or write their name. Each child's achievement will be unique to them.

Outdoor Learning

Some of the reasons why we incorporate outdoor learning are:

- The positive impact it has on the health and wellbeing of young people
- It helps to develop responsible and independent young people, with lifelong appreciation of the natural world
- The outdoors improves children's social and communication skills which are essential

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- Being outdoors in all weathers can be beneficial for children's stamina, resilience, and understanding of the seasons and how they change

How you can help at home:

- Read to your child as often as possible; as well as reading stories you can read print in the environment e.g. signs and street names
- Sing lots of nursery rhymes together
- Count objects with your child and encourage them to recognise the basic shapes around them
- Encourage independent skills and allow your child to put on their own shoes, jumpers/cardigans and coats
- Practise name writing

A few reminders

- Please can you ensure that all of your child's uniform and packed lunch box has their name on.
- No earrings or jewellery to be worn.
- Please bring in a small bag with a change of clothing for your child in case it is needed.
- Your child will be given water/milk and a piece of fruit each day, so they do not need to bring in a water bottle, unless they stay for lunch.

Thank you.

Important Dates!

Friday, 13th October is a Professional Development Day in school, so the Nursery will not be open on that day.

Don't forget to visit our website for more information <https://ctking.npcat.org.uk>

Thank you for your continued support.