



Welcome back to Nursery! I hope you have had a wonderful break and I am looking forward to the exciting term ahead.

ALL ABOUT ANIMALS

During the first half term our topic will be animals. We will be covering two texts over the half term, 'I went walking' and 'Monkey and Me'. We will be looking at farm animals and zoo animals. We will be spending lots of time retelling stories and begin to create our own stories using our own characters.

Phonics and reading

We now having a short phonics session each day and we are working on basic listening skills. We are focusing on Phase 1 phonics. This includes listening to sounds in the environment, instrumental sounds and making sounds with our body. We are also looking at simple rhymes and alliteration. This half term your child will bring home a book from the library that they must bring back by the following Friday to swap over. Please can you also complete the set activities in the home school book with your child and return to their class teacher by the following Wednesday.

NUMBER OF THE WEEK

Over the half term, we will continue to look at one number each week. This is helping us with our understanding of amounts and helping us to get better at our counting. We call this our Number of the week. At home, you can practice counting to 10 with children and recognising numerals. You can count anything with your child, including steps, toys and even family members!

OUR LEARNING

You can find lots of our learning on the Ashton West End Primary Academy websites. Here you will find lots of exciting learning that we have been doing. You can also look at our Learning Journey in the cloakroom to see what exciting things we have been doing in Nursery!

Maths fun

Our maths learning will focus both on our number of the week but also on basic shapes in the environment. We will be practicing naming simple 2d shapes and finding them in our indoor and outdoor environments. What shapes can you see at home?

Reminders

- Make sure your child's clothes including shoes and especially jumpers have their name in it. This will save us a lot of time. Thank you.
- Please ensure your child has a coat, appropriate footwear and outdoor clothing in school as we do try to go outside every day even in cold weather.
- Please bring a scarf, gloves and a hat in a bag during the colder weather as we still go outside daily.
- Children do not need to bring food into Nursery as they have access to fruit during the session. Please do not allow your child to bring food into Nursery.
- Your child needs spare clothes (it doesn't have to be uniform) in school in case of a variety of accidents, for example drink spills. Please ensure these are named and in a bag.





UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

During our sessions we will

- Play and explore with small world toys and construction materials
- Talk about our environment and family
- Begin to understand the rules and routines of School life
- Begin to observe the signs of Winter and Spring
- Build friendships and develop social skills
- Use ICT to enhance our learning. Children will have access to the interactive whiteboard, computers in the classroom and in the ICT suite
- Sing lots of songs and practice using instruments in different ways
- Look at rhyme and rhythm
- Use instruments and music to help to develop our listening skills
- Engage in a range of role play experiences
- Experiment with a range of construction, art and writing resources and materials
- Explore with a range of media and materials to create and build

WEEKLY ROUTINE

Home school book – given out on a Friday and handed in on a Wednesday.

Reading – Library books will be given out on Friday. Please bring them back by the following Friday so we can change the book. Please give your child's library book to a teacher.

VIP's- Parents will be told when their child is a VIP.

We will begin weekly Library sessions and ICT with children once they have settled into School routines. We will inform parents when these sessions are beginning.

VIPS

Each term your child will be a VIP. Your children will be observed that week around the classroom. You will be invited in to talk to me about your child's learning and given the opportunity to look at their learning journey. We will inform parents when your child is a VIP.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

School will close on Thursday 13th February for half term. We will reopen on Monday 24th February.

School closes for Easter on Friday 3rd April and reopens on Monday 20th April.

You can check all of our term dates on the website.

Thank you for your continued support, it is very much appreciated.

Miss Marshall and the EYFS team

