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Autumn 1:

I am very excited for your child's first term in Nursery and I am looking forward to getting to know all of the children. This term we will focus on settling into Nursery life and building relationships with other children and teachers. We will also be answering curriculum questions through our learning. The questions this half term are 'What happens when we mix colours?' and 'Why do leaves fall off the trees?'

Please check the website and the twitter page for updates on your child's learning.

Please remember:

- Please put names onto all uniform including jumper, cardigans, coats and shirts.
- Please bring a spare change of clothes for your child (this does not have to be uniform). Children can bring their own school bag.
- Please ensure that your child has weather appropriate clothing, including a warm coat when it is cold. We aim to go outside every day in all weathers.
- Children will be given a home school diary with a home learning task and a school library book every Friday once children have settled in. Please bring these back by the following Wednesday.
- Please bring a named water bottle in for your child. This is very important as we are not currently having cups in classrooms.
- Children will have access to milk and fruit every day. Please do not bring any food into school.
- Please inform staff of any allergies or medical conditions that school is not already aware of.
- Please pick your child up promptly at home time at 11.45am/ 3.15pm.

Theme: Colour and Autumn

Personal, social and emotional development:

We will be focusing on settling the children into the routines of Nursery. Teachers will be focusing on building relationships with children and encouraging them to develop their independence. Staff will be modelling how to use provision areas and supporting children in provision times. We will begin short circle times and talking about our feelings and our likes and dislikes.

Physical development:

We will be focusing on both fine and gross motor skills in Nursery. This half term, we will be practicing large mark making and copying shapes and lines, before beginning to draw lots of pictures and practicing writing our names. We will also be practicing kicking a ball, walking up steps, jumping, running, and using the different resources in the Outdoor Area.

Communication and language:

This half term we will spend lots of time talking to children and building relationships. We will be identifying objects from a group and classifying objects and introducing new vocabulary.

We will also be doing lots of singing and dancing, action songs and singing lots of Nursery Rhymes. We will be using lots of visual prompts to help to develop language.

We will also begin to ask questions about the world around us. We will be talking about what colours we can see and about what happens during Autumn.

Reading & Phonics:

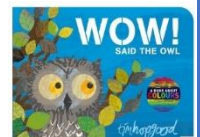
Our curriculum texts are:

- Pete the Cat, Eric Litwin
- Wow! Said the Owl- Tim Hopgood
- Leaf Man- Lois Elhert

We will also be reading lots of different stories, including topic books, fairy tales and familiar stories.

We encourage children to read books independently in provision and talk about pictures, events and characters. It is important that you read a story with your child every night and talk to them about what you have read.

We will be starting Phase 1 Phonics sessions with children once they have settled. These are focused on listening and attention skills. We will be looking at environmental sounds and starting to use instruments to make different sounds and rhythms.





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<p>Writing: This half term we will focus on ascribing meaning to marks that we make. This could include drawing a picture of what they did at the weekend or creating a birthday card for a friend. If your child does any fantastic drawings/ writing at home, please bring this into school to show their friends.</p> <p>We will also be making marks using lots of different media such as chalks, paint, glitter, and water.</p> <p>We will also be creating labels for story characters, creating our own class books, and completing observational drawings about the world around us.</p>	<p>Numbers: We will be singing lots of number songs and rhymes in school and encouraging children to join in with the words and actions.</p> <p>We will also start practicing counting to 10 and counting objects. We will begin to count objects and talk about when we have more/ less.</p>
<p>Shape, space and measure: This half term we will focus on teaching children how to use the different Shape resources available in the classroom. Children will have lots of opportunities to look at shapes around them and use shapes to create pictures and models. We will also be practicing using the language of 'big' and 'little'.</p> <p>We will also introduce a visual timetable for children to help them understand the routines and times of the day.</p> <p>We will be practicing categorising objects and sorting by shape and colour. We will also be completing inset jigsaws and jigsaws.</p>	<p>Understanding the world: Children have access to an investigation area, science area and lightbox. Activities include creating faces, mixing colours on the lightbox, and using cogs and wheels to create a structure.</p> <p>This half term we will be looking at colour. We will be carrying out science investigations and looking at what happens when we mix colours. We will be making colour lava lamps and going on a colour hunt to collect objects of different colours.</p> <p>During our learning about Autumn, we will be going on an Autumn walk in school and talking about what we might see during Autumn time. We will create collages and pictures from Autumn leaves and will also be carving pumpkins!</p>
<p>Expressive arts and design: Children have access to a creative area and painting easel during provision times. They can use this area to create pictures and models using the different resources available.</p> <p>We will be exploring colour mixing and using our hands to mix colours. We will also be creating leaf collages and pictures using leaves.</p>	<p>VIPS: During VIP meetings, parents will be invited into school to look at children's learning and books and speak to teachers about learning and progress.</p> <p>Unfortunately, due to the current situation, we are not yet able to invite parents into school. We will inform parents of when we are able to host VIP meetings.</p>
<p>Dates for the diary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 11th September - Children will begin the full session in Nursery. Sessions are 8.45am-11.45am/ 12.30pm-3.15pm. • 23rd October- School closes for half term • 2nd November- School opens 	

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