



Early Year Unit: Nursery Newsletter-Autumn 1

Welcome

Welcome to Hazel Leys Nursery. We are very excited to meet you all and begin learning. In our nursery we have me, Miss Moorhouse as nursery teacher and we then have Miss Coupland and Mrs Clough as the key workers, please feel free to ask us any questions as we are all here to help you and your child through there first year of Nursery. The nursery is very excited to begin the term as we have so many exciting learning opportunities that we can't wait to show you all. I would just like to say thankyou for choosing us as your child's first steps into education I hope they enjoy as much as we do.

Miss Moorhouse

Autumn 1 focus

The focus of this term is "All about me" the children will have opportunities to learn about themselves and others. We will be looking at how their bodies work and move. They will also be sharing about their families and friends and would be lovely if you would like to contribute some photos of the children's own families and friends that they can share in class it would be very much appreciated. We are very much looking forward to this topic as it's an opportunity for us to learn about one another.

Phonics

At Hazel Leys, we use the *Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised* scheme. In Nursery, your child will take part in daily phonics sessions which will encourage them to listen to sounds in words, such as the sound that their name starts with. This term we will focus on the., S, a, t, p, i, n and playing listening attention games.



Literacy - Writing

During this term we will be doing our get squiggling session to help the children with their pencil grip. We will also be looking at our new handwriting scheme , Happy handwriting for the children to work on their pencil grip. We will also be looking at mark making in relation to stories we are learning about in class.



Literacy - Reading

We will be sharing lots of lovely stories with your child in Early Years and we will upload stories to Tapestry for you to share at home.



Every Friday, your child will choose a 'Reading for Pleasure' book to take home. This is a book to be shared with the adults at home. By reading a wide range of books, your child will be emersed in storytelling and will expand their vocabulary. **Please bring the book in on Thursday to be changed over and we will hand them back out on Friday.**

We have now added reading groups every Friday this is when the children can pick a book in key worker groups and have a discussion on the book to help children with their listening but to also develop their vocabulary.

Maths

We LOVE to count in Early Years, we count everything and sing lots of number rhymes to help us remember the order of numbers when rote counting. This term we will be focusing on accurate number recognition and looking at number lines and ordering numbers from 0-5. We will have a new number to focus on each week.



Communication and Language

This term we will be focusing on many ways to help the children to develop their vocabulary. We begin with Phonics to help the children with their communication. We Will also sing nursery rhymes daily and we will send a nursery rhyme home each week for you to practice at home with your child. We will also be reading a mixtures of topic books and reading for pleasure books within the nursery.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will be looking at How to be a friend, why we come to nursery, being kind and sharing, telling an adult when there is a problem. Explaining my feelings to those of others. We will also be looking at school rules and how form friendships within my class.



Physical Development

In Nursery, we will be practising ways to move, encouraging fine motor activities, such as using scissors, pencils, and cutlery, encouraging good posture when sitting at the table or on the floor and practicing ball skills. We also have dough disco every morning to strengthen our fine motor skills.



Our PE lessons will be on Tuesday this will be an opportunity for the children to go down to the track.

Children are to come to nursery in clothes that allow them to move easily so they can take part in our PE sessions. E.G leggings/tracksuit and t-shirt.

Understanding the World

This term we will be learning about Themselves. We will be looking at family Trees (grandparents, great grandparents). We will also be looking at where the children come from? And where all their family are from.



Expressive Arts and Design

We will be making lots of artwork that link to our topic this term we will be looking at an artist called

Matisse's The Snail and will be creating our very own paintings. We will also be looking at Primary colours such as Red, Blue , Yellow and green and what happens when we mix the colours.



Helping your child learn at home

- Share the 'Reading for Pleasure' book with your child.
- Encourage your child to put on their coats independently.
- Practice counting objects at home.



Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities.



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically. We will also be introducing a star of the week just in nursery class for your child to share at home with you.



Class information

Class Teacher: Miss Moorhouse
Teaching Assistants: Mrs Clough and Miss Coupland

Please could all children **arrive at Nursery by 8.55am** as learning starts promptly at this time. The Children who are late miss out on the start of our daily learning and disturb the children who have arrived on time. Our doors will open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am

Please remember to bring spare clothes in for your child as we like to do messy play indoors and outdoors, we can leave this bag at nursery and take home when you need to change the clothes.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you do not put anything in that contains nuts and to make it a healthy selection of food.



Please could we ask that your Child **does not** bring any toys into school, including keeping them in their bags. We have lots of different resources in school that your child can play with during the day, so they do not need to risk breaking or losing their toys from home.

Please bring your child's reading folder In on a Thursday, we will change them on Thursday and hand them back out on Friday when your child's go home.

Thank you again.

Dates for the diary!



Monday 4th September Training Day

Tuesday 5th September – Training Day

Wednesday 6th September – Home visits for new children

Friday 8th September – New children settling in session 9am-10am

11th September – Nursery is open for all children (New children follow timetable)



Friday 20th October – school closes for half term

