

Early Year Unit: Nursery Newsletter-Autumn 2

Welcome

Welcome back to Hazel Leys Nursery. I would like to thank all the parents for being very patient and understanding last term. We had a very excited start of the term, and we enjoyed getting to know all your children. We are extremely excited going into Term 2 as we have so many exciting things happening that we hope you can all join in with us. Once again thank you for being patient with us and if you do have any questions, please speak to any members of the nursery staff.

Miss Moorhouse

Autumn 2 focus

Our focus this term is journeys. In this topic the children will learn about journeys that they've been on and will think about different types of journeys and why we may need to go on a journey. They will learn that a long time ago, some people travelled by horse and cart or steam train. We will also be talking about the journey the children take to school if that is walking or by car.



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 immersed 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 will be looking at different transports from different years and where they have come from. The children will look at the evolution of transport. As this term is the lead up to Christmas, we will also be looking at the journey to Bethlehem.



Expressive Arts and Design

Will be looking at painting different types of transports such as a bus , car train and a plane. We will also be looking at making maps and using different materials to make our maps standout.



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!



Tuesday 31st October – School re-opens



Friday the 3rd of November – Guy Fawkes Day in nursery

Friday 9th November – Remembrance Day in nursery

Friday the 10th of November – Celebration of Diwali in nursery

Monday 13th November odd socks day

Friday 17th November – children in need

Thursday 30th November – St Andrews day





Friday 1st December – CLOSED STAFF TRAINING DAY

Thursday 7th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 14th December – Christmas carol craft afternoon in Nursery (More details nearer the time)

Wednesday 20th December – school closes for half term