

## Early Year Unit: Nursery Newsletter-Autumn 1

### Welcome

I am very excited to welcome back the children from last year who are staying with us and all the new children to our Hazel Leys Nursery class. Along with Miss Coupland and Mrs Pritchard, I am excited to get to know your children and help them develop and learn during their time with us. We have an exciting and busy year ahead and I am looking forward to getting to know you all. Please feel free to speak to me or the other Early Years staff if you have any questions or queries.

Mrs Morris

### 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.

**Phonics**

### 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 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 will start our maths journey looking at colours that are the same and different, using natural and man-made items to support our understanding. We will also explore matching and sorting different items, considering how we identify similarities and differences.



### 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 to support the strengthening of 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 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 the primary colours, red, blue and yellow, 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:** Mrs Morris

**Teaching Assistants:** Miss Coupland and Mrs Pritchard

Please could all children **arrive at Nursery by 8.30am** 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.

**The end of the Nursery day is 3pm.** Please ensure children are collected promptly.

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. Children will go outside in all weathers and therefore need to have a pair of wellies and a puddle suit in school. Please ensure all items from home are named to help us identify who they belong to.



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> September- Training Day 1**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Training Day 2**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – School reopens for pupils**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September – Parent welcome meetings**



**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October** – Individual and sibling photos

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October** – KS2 reading drop in

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October** – Parents Consultation Evening 3pm – 6.30pm

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October** – Parents Consultation Evening 3pm – 5.30pm

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October** – PTA Halloween disco

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** – School closes to pupils for Half Term

