

Early Year Unit: Nursery Newsletter – Summer 2

Welcome

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a lovely half term. Thank you for your continued support last term, we had a great time welcoming you in to see our new outdoor classroom. As we are entering our final term of the year, the staff in nursery will be supporting those children, who are starting school, with transition to Reception.

All the children have worked incredibly hard since they joined our nursery, and this term will be all about celebrating their achievements and progress. If you have any questions about transition, please speak to a member of the nursery team.

Summer 2 Focus

Our focus of this term is 'heroes and adventurers'. During this term, we will be learning about significant people including Valentina Tereshkova, Ernest Shackleton, Edmund Hillary, Tenzing Norgay and Malala Yousafzai. In the last week of the unit there is an opportunity for you to choose a local hero, someone relevant to your local community, for children to learn about. This could be a particular person, or groups of people who help in your local community.



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 y, z, qu, ch, sh and th sounds and playing listening and attention games.

Phonics

Literacy – Writing

During this term we will be doing our pencil grip activities. Looking at pinch fingers and how we hold a pencil. We will also be looking at mark making activities with different resources and materials.



We will also continue working on name writing for those children who will be going to school in September.

Literacy - Reading

We will be sharing lots of lovely stories with your child in Early Years and we will upload examples of the work that we do that links to our weekly story focus to Evidence me 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 reading book back on a Thursday so we can change it to a new book to bring home on a Friday.**

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 2d and 3d shapes, looking at naming the shapes and identifying sides and corners. We will also explore different time, such as night and day and days of the week. Finally, the children will learn different prepositional language.



Communication and Language

This term we will continue to sing nursery rhymes daily and we will send a nursery rhyme home each week for you to practice at home with your child. We also provide a range of role play experiences that model high quality vocabulary for your children to use. We will also be continuing with communication focused group work to support the children's language development.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will be focusing on transition and change. The children will talk about their expectations for school and will take part in transition day. We will also be looking at how we have changed since we joined nursery and think about all the things that we have learned. We will be continuing to introduce new vocabulary with the expectations that the children use them in full sentences.

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.



This term, we will be practicing the different events in preparation for our Sports Day on Tuesday 17th June.

Understanding the World

Nursery will be learning about key superheroes and adventures. Such as Valentina Tereshkova, she was the first woman to go to space. Children will also be given the opportunity to look at how real-life superheroes work in our community.



Expressive Arts and Design

We will be using a range of materials to make models of the solar system. They will also use their observational skills to paint portraits of the adventurers we will learn about. The children will have a range of role play opportunities so they can experience being in a space station, climbing a mountain and being a firefighter.



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.
- Listening to sounds in their name



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.



Class information

Nursery staff: Miss Coupland (lead) and Mrs Pritchard.

- **Forest School:** This takes place on a Thursday morning. Children to come into nursery in clothes for forest school, named wellies and a named coat or all-in-one weather suit.
- **Evidence Me:** Please check Evidence Me regularly for updates on what we are doing in nursery!
- Please remember when you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts and to make it **a healthy selection of food**.
- Please could we ask that all children bring in at **least two changes of clothes**. These can be kept in a bag on their pegs. Staff will inform you if they have had to change your child.



Thank you for your support with these matters

Dates for the diary!



Monday 2nd June - School reopens to pupils

Tuesday 10th June – New intake meeting for those starting in Reception at HLA in September 2025 4-5pm

Tuesday 17th June – Nursery Sports day



Tuesday 1st July – Nursery trip to the library

Friday 4th July – Whole school transition day

Friday 11th July – Reports to parents

Monday 14th to Friday 18th July – Informal chats with parents from reports if required

Friday 18th July – School closes for Summer

Monday 21st July – Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 22nd July – Teacher Training Day