

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 joining our Hazel Leys Nursery class. Along with Miss Witton and Miss Allen, 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.

Miss Norris

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. Please could all children bring in a picture of their family into Nursery so that we can create a family book for the children to look at. 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 the first term we will be doing lots mark making in relation to stories we are learning about in class.



We will be encouraging children to give meaning to the marks they make and give them opportunities to practise drawing different lines. Please spend time encouraging your child to mark make at home and discuss what they have drawn.

Literacy - Reading

We will be sharing lots of lovely stories with your child in Early Years.



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.

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 range 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.



The children will have continuous access to our outdoor area where they can use the climbing frame, climbing blocks, bikes, pulley, drum kit and physical development tools to strengthen their gross motor skills.

Understanding the World

This term we will be learning about ourselves. We will be looking at family trees (grandparents, great grandparents), where we live, and what we look like. We will also be getting to know the adults in our class as well so that we start the year building strong relationships.



Expressive Arts and Design

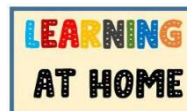
We will be making lots of artwork that link to our topic this term. The children will use a range of materials to create their face. They will also use paints and pencils to draw people in their family. will also be looking at the primary colours, red, blue and yellow, and what happens when we mix the colours.



This term the children will have a home corner role play to act out their real life experiences.

Helping your child learn at home

- Share the 'Reading for Pleasure' book with your child.
- Encourage your child to put on their coats independently.
- Share our weekly nursery rhyme that is sent home each week.



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.



Class information

Nursery Lead: Miss Norris

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Clough and Miss Allen

Nursery doors open at **8.30am**. Please ensure your child is in no later than 8:40am.

The morning sessions ends at **11:30am** and the whole day session ends at **3pm**.

Please remember to **name** all your child's property, including school jumpers or cardigans.

We request that all children bring a **named** water bottle to school every day.

As you can imagine our learning in Early Years is going to involve lots of messy play and food exploration. We will also be learning about seasonal changes so there will be lots of opportunities for splashing in lots of puddles. Please ensure that your child has spare **named** clothes on their peg and wellington boots.



If your child stays for lunch, please remember that you must provide a healthy lunch which does not include anything that contains nuts or seafood.

Dates for the diary!



Tuesday 1st September Teacher Training Day 1 - School closed for pupils

Wednesday 2nd September Teacher Training Day 2 - School closed for pupils

Thursday 3rd September School reopens for pupils

Thursday 3rd to Friday 4th September Reception home visits

Monday 7th September Reception settling in session

Monday 7th to Tuesday 15th September Parent Welcome Meetings

Wednesday 9th to Friday 11th September Y6 residential trip to PGL Caythorpe



Tuesday 6th October Individual and sibling photos

Wednesday 14th October Parents Consultation Evening 3pm – 6.30pm

Thursday 15th October Parents Consultation Evening 3pm – 5.30pm

Friday 23rd October School closes to pupils for Half Term