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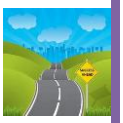
Early Year Unit: Nursery Newsletter-Autumn 2

Welcome

We had a wonderful start to our year, and the staff have enjoyed getting to know all your children. We loved being able to share our learning with you on Evidence Me. Thank you so much for all your support this past term. We hope that you found our parent consultation evenings supportive and informative. We are looking forward to welcoming you into school again this term for lots of festive fun!

Autumn 2 focus



Our focus this term is journeys. In this topic the children will learn about journeys. We will think about journeys that the children have been on and about different types of journeys we can take. The children will also learn about why we need to go on a journey and know 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.

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 sound s, a, t, p, i, n. The children will also play blending games where they can hear the sounds used to make up words.

Literacy - Writing



During this term we will be offering the children daily opportunities for the children to mark make. We will also be using our Happy Handwriting practice sheets to encourage children moving pencils in a range of ways. This will support the children in preparation for letter formation when they start school.

Literacy - Reading



We will be sharing lots of lovely stories with your child in nursery that link to our learning about journeys, such as Going on a bear hunt, Things that go and Lost and found.

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 back each Thursday so it can be changed.**

Maths



We LOVE to count in nursery and offer the children daily opportunities to count. We also sing songs using mathematical vocabulary to support the children understanding. This half term, the children will look at comparing size and colour as well at looking at numbers 1 and 2.

Communication and Language



This term we will continue to develop the children's vocabulary. Every lesson is led by vocabulary that the children are expected to use. Alongside this, we will continue with our weekly nursery rhyme. The children also have role play opportunities to act out experiences and to bring our learning to life.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development



This term we will be looking at how we can be a good friend. We will also be launching our Zones of Regulation that will support children with their understanding of emotions and how we can be express them in a safe manner.

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.

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Expressive Arts and Design



This term, the children will be using a range of material to make Diwali crafts, such as a Diva lamp. They will also make different types of vehicles and we will be ending the term by making Christmas decorations and cards.

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.

RESPECT Each Other

RESPECT Our Environment & Community

RESPECT Yourself

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 Norris (lead), Mrs Clough and Miss Allen



- Evidence Me: Please check Evidence Me regularly for updates on what we are doing in nursery!
- Please remember if 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!

Autumn 2



Monday 2nd November Teacher Training Day 3 - School closed for pupils

Tuesday 3rd November School reopens for pupils
Friday 6th November Issue newsletter
Monday 16th to Friday 20th November Anti-bullying week
Wednesday 18th November Y2 to Y6 reading parent session

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Friday 20th November Children in Need



Wednesday 2nd December KS2 Carol concert 2.30pm
Thursday 3rd December KS2 Carol concert 9.30am
Tuesday 8th December Nursery Christmas session 10.30am-11.30am
Tuesday 8th December KS1 Christmas performance 2.30pm
Wednesday 9th December KS1 Christmas performance 9.30am
Wednesday 9th December Reception Christmas performance 2.30pm
Thursday 10th December Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 10th December Nursery Intake Meeting for new children 3.30pm
Friday 18th December Class Christmas parties
Friday 18th December School closes for Christmas

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