

Outside Area

This term we are looking forward being able to develop activities and different areas in our outside area. We are also planning to plant some more vegetables and flowers in our containers. We would like to renovate our playhouse so that we can use it more for role play situations. If you have any time to spare and would like to help the children with some gardening or painting the house please let us know.



We also hope to build up our collections of resources for the outside area and to generally make the area a stimulating and exciting place for the children to enjoy. If you have any of the following that you could donate to use please hand to any Nursery staff member:

- Buttons
- Old keys
- Small wicker baskets
- Fir cones
- Pine cones
- Conkers
- Acorns

Classroom Help

A huge thank-you to all those who have been helping in the Nursery . We appreciate this immensely. If you are able to offer some time to join in with us, a sign up sheet will go up outside the Nursery door once the new children have settled in.



Communication

We work hard to do the best for your child. If, at any time, you have a concern or query please come and talk to the Nursery staff. If you are still concerned, please talk to Mrs. Roberts (Foundation Stage Leader).

Staff

Nursery teachers— Claire Ruiz and Sally Snook

Nursery Nurse—Catherine Whatling

Teaching Assistants—Linda and Karen

Nursery Newsletter



Autumn Term 2010

Welcome!

A big welcome to you all - especially those who are just joining us. We have a really fun term ahead, with lots to do and experience. At the end of the term we will have our graduation ceremony for the children joining the reception class after Christmas. Also there will be a Christmas production that will involve children from the nursery and reception classes and of course our end of term party with a seasonal theme!

We hope you all enjoy it.



During the term we will continue to encourage the children to become independent, to have a go and to experience a range of activities. As always, we really appreciate your support with this.



Topic

This term we will be looking at 'Ourselves' and we cover all areas of the Foundation Stage curriculum within this. We will look at home and families, feelings and how we express ourselves. The children will also find out about

Autumn and some of the different celebrations that happen during this term.

In **Communication, Language and literacy** we will be focusing on speaking and listening—talking about our feelings and how we talk to others. Our writing table will feature a variety of opportunities for mark making and writing names.

In **Mathematical Development**

We will look at the different ways objects can be sorted. Measuring will give the opportunity to use language such as more, less, big, little, long and short and our market stall role play area encourages the use money.

In **Knowledge and Understanding of the World** we will look at special days, healthy eating and what is healthy and unhealthy as well as exploring the environment.

In **Creative Development** we will explore colour and texture, make collages, models, painting ourselves and making handprints and footprints.

In **Personal and Social Development**, we will develop the children's sense of belonging to this setting, encourage them to have a positive approach to new experiences, and help them to make connections between different parts of their life experiences.

Lastly, in **Physical Development** the children will respond to rhythm in music, manage their own body to create intended movements, learn how to use simple tools and equipment safely and we will help them to become aware of the issues surrounding healthy eating and personal hygiene.

Regular Nursery Activities

During every nursery session, children participate in literacy and numeracy activities. These include writing their name, learning letter names and sounds (introducing Jolly Phonics) and having a go at writing—counting, number and shape recognition and ordering numbers. You can help your child with this by counting at every opportunity, looking at letters and numbers in the environment and singing number rhymes. Our carpet sessions always include songs and a story, and we have a thinking skills session once a week. We also have a weekly cooking activity (the children eat their efforts at snack time).



Music—As well as our daily singing, we have a weekly music session when the children have access to a wide range of percussion instruments. This term we are accompanying simple songs with a steady beat.



P.E - Our PE sessions are on **Wednesday mornings and afternoons**. We follow a programme that develops each child's basic motor skills, co-ordination and control, spatial awareness and aiming skills. Please could you ensure that your child does not wear earrings on a Wednesday—

Reading

You are very welcome to change your child's book as often as you wish. It would be great if, when you are sharing a book with your child, you could encourage them to talk about the story and the characters, get them to re-tell the story in their own words and look at the text more closely—for example, can they find the letters in their name. We also share books with the children on a regular basis, both in groups and individually.

Important Dates

At some point this half term we hope to have a table top sale, more information on this will follow.

September:

October:

PD Day 11th October
Half Term

November:

School Photos

December:

Christmas Fayre

Nursery Graduation 11.15am or 3pm

Christmas Party—Thursday 17th December
End of Term