



Curriculum Information - Nursery

Autumn 1- 3rd September – 25th October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the start of this new academic year! We welcome all new and returning families to our nursery and we can't wait to get to know all of our new class and embark on the many exciting adventures we have planned for this year at The Holy Family nursery.

Please ensure children arrive promptly at 8.40. Morning only children will be dismissed at the playground gate at 12pm and children staying all day will be dismissed at 3.15 at the rainbow gate. Parents must wait on the left hand side of the gate. Please notify the office before the end of the school day if somebody different will be picking your child up.

Communication and Language	The children will be practising how to listen and respond when adults and peers are speaking. Listen to stories with increased attention and join in with familiar rhymes and songs. Through lots of storytelling, singing and role play, children will develop their language skills.
Physical Development	<p>The children will be working on their fine and gross motor skills through play and guided activities. They will be given the opportunity to choose if they would like to play inside or outside for most of the day.</p> <p>In their Wednesday PE lessons, they will be developing their gross motor skills through climbing, balancing and moving in different ways. These activities will also give them opportunities to problem solve, persevere and develop their independence.</p> <p>Part of Physical Development is health and self-care and this is where we will support the children in making healthy choices and being able to use the toilet independently.</p>

<p>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</p>	<p>The children will spend this half term building initial relationships with the staff and children in the nursery. We will have regular circle times and games which will encourage the children to communicate and develop an understanding of others perspectives.</p> <p>Through plenty of child led play and support from the adults the children will develop their skills in sharing, taking turns and negotiation.</p> <p>We will be learning about feelings and how to express and manage them using the 'Zones of Regulation' approach. Children will have an opportunity to reflect on how they feel during self-registration in the morning.</p>
<p>Literacy</p>	<p>The children will be looking at the topic 'All about me', which will help them learn more about their unique qualities and share pictures of their family with each other. They will be looking at our similarities and differences.</p> <p>We will then move onto 'Autumn' and discuss the changing seasons and do lots of outdoor activities based around nature.</p>
<p>Mathematics</p>	<p>In Mathematics, we will be noticing and talking about number, shape, space and measure in the environment. We will be singing lots of number songs and rhymes. As well as counting and noticing patterns through our play inside and out.</p>
<p>RE</p>	<p>In RE, our first theme will be 'Creation'. We will read the story of creation from the Bible and explore each aspect of this through their child led play.</p> <p>The children will start planning their own collective worship sessions by choosing a way to gather for worship, a response to the Biblical text and a 'mission' - a simple task or act of kindness inspired by the scripture passage they will listen to on the day.</p>
<p>Understanding of the world</p>	<p>They will be doing a lot of learning outside and learning about 'Autumn' and nature. The children will spend time outside exploring and investigating. We have an investigation table, which will be set up regularly based on the children's interests. Forest school will take place on a Wednesday.</p>

Expressive Arts and Design	The children will be learning how to use a variety of tools and equipment correctly. They will be exploring with paint, collage, chalk and many more forms of media. Next week they will be creating self-portraits.
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Key information:

P.E. and outdoor learning will be on **Wednesdays** so please ensure they come to school wearing their PE kits.

Our library visit will be on a **Thursday** where the children can change their library books if they have returned their previous book.

You should have all received an activation email for Tapestry. Please ensure you can log in as we will start sharing photos and information there shortly. If you are having any problems please email us on the nursery email below.

Please ensure your child brings a jumper or cardigan and that they have a suitable coat as the weather will start to get colder as the term goes on. They must also have a **named** change of clothes to keep on their peg.

Please provide a pair of **named** wellingtons to keep at school for outdoor learning.

Make sure your child does not wear jewellery to school and that any earrings are simple studs.

Please also ensure your child brings to school a **named** water bottle each day and a hat if it is hot.

PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL. Even after two days we are finding many coats, water bottles and lunch boxes with no names.

Continue to check the school newsletter, website and Facebook page for important dates and information.

Should you have any questions or anything you wish to discuss please email nursery@holyfamily.hert.sch.uk or phone the school to make a telephone appointment.

Thank you for your support

Miss Tinsley and Mrs Lovell

Nursery Teachers