



Curriculum Information - Nursery

Autumn 1- Friday 5th September – Friday 24th 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 children and embark on many exciting things that we have planned for this year.

Communication and Language	<p>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.</p>
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>
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	<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>

Literacy	<p>Our first topic is 'Lift the flap' books. They will be learning about the different parts of a book, how to hold a book and turn the pages carefully then making our own simple 'lift the flat' books.</p> <p>We will also be reading books about ourselves and belonging then moving onto autumn, discussing the changing seasons and seeing this ourselves outside.</p> <p>If you have 'lift the flap' books at home or can get some from the library then please read these with your child. Encourage your child to hold the book and lift the flaps carefully. Can they guess what is under the flap before looking?</p>
Mathematics	<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 play.</p>
RE	<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.</p>
Understanding of the world	<p>This term they will be learning about autumn and the natural world around them. The children will spend time outside noticing and exploring the change in season.</p> <p>We also have an investigation area with objects linked to nature, technology or science that spark the children's interest and encourage talk and learning of new vocabulary.</p> <p>We will have Forest School every Wednesday which often follows the children's interests.</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:

- All children must 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.
- P.E. and outdoor learning will be on a **Wednesday** so please ensure they come to school wearing their PE kit.
- Our library day will be on a **Thursday** where the children can change their library books if they have returned their previous book. We charge £5 for lost or broken books so that they can be replaced.
- You will soon receive 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 speak to a member of the EYFS staff.
- Children need named wellies, a puddle suit and a change of clothes that can be kept at school.
- Children need to bring a water bottle (no juice) and book bag to school daily.
- Ensure your child is prepared for the weather, sun cream applied before school and a hat if it's sunny or a rain coat in rain.
- No jewellery or nail varnish to be worn at school and any earrings are simple studs.
- **PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL.**

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@hollyfamily.hert.sch.uk** or phone the school to make a telephone appointment.

Thank you for your support

Miss Tinsley and Mrs Lovell

Nursery Teachers