Learning in Nursery Autumn 2

We look forward to a another very busy and happy half term...

This half term we will continue supporting the children with making relationships and building friendships in Nursery. We will encourage turn-taking when playing and support the children to listen and respond to each other ideas. We will discuss, support and model sharing, talking about either playing together or sometimes needing to wait for a turn. Again we have some new children starting in Nursery so this gives our current children the chance to be role models and help them settle in and learn new routines. We will talk about our feelings using 'zones of regulation' to help us describe and identify all the different feelings we have.

As usual talk plays a vital role in Nursery this half term. We will be encouraging children to talk about what they are doing, supporting them to use full sentences and extended sentences, and to ask and answer questions about their learning. We will use our class listening ladder to help the children identify the steps to becoming a good listener. We will work with talk partners to help us rehearse what we might say in response to questions.

In phonics we will using the school reading scheme 'Little Wandle' to learn a rhyme of the week. Each day we will focus on an aspect of early reading, identifying syllables, rhyme, alliteration, oral blending and identifying initial sounds.

This half term in maths we will practice counting, singing counting songs and learning about the order of numbers. We will develop strategies for counting small sets of objects accurately. We will continue talking about the similarities and differences of objects and shapes. We will encourage children to speak in a full sentence, describing, noticing and comparing.

In RE we will be learning the story of Christmas and practicing for the Nursery nativity play. We will also be added our own lines to our end of day prayer. We will continue reflecting on our school statement, 'In the light of God, we care, we share, we laugh, we learn,' thinking about what that means to us in Nursery.

In our outdoor learning sessions, we will be developing our experiences of using tools, building confidence using hand drills, thinking about our own safety and that of those around us. We will also start looking at ice, adding colourings and salt, and talking about what is happening and why.

In our expressive arts sessions, we will complete our work on line, creating line string prints and creating a self-portrait, identifying the key features on our faces. We will also make our own self-portraits from 'loose parts'. We will look at different methods of joining in our making area.

We will continue working on developing our fine and gross motor skills, in both our inside and outside classrooms, developing a comfortable and efficient pencil grip for those who are ready. We will use large lumps of dough, scarves and finger lights to create large-scale movements in the air building up our upper body and core strength.

We will encourage the children to make marks with meaning, writing for different purposes in all areas of provision. We will read and talk about a whole range of stories and look at some nonfiction texts too. This half term we will start 'talk for writing' sessions where we will learn a poem, song or story by heart with actions.

In our 'Understanding the World' sessions we will learn all about our five senses. We are going to be tasting and smelling a variety of different foods as well as feeling lots of different materials.

A few notices. . ..

We love to hear about all the wonderful things your children learn at home! Please can you add any special events, new skills, or special family celebrations to Tapestry so your child can share them with their friends? We also love to see these too! It provides a powerful and motivating way to develop speaking and listening skills.

Thank you so much to those parent/carers who have kindly donated 50p a week to our Nursery fund. We use this to help us buy ingredients for playdough, cooking, making more enhancements to the curriculum, such as buying pumpkins for drilling. This is a purely voluntary donation, but if you would like to contribute you can pay weekly, or you can pay £20 for the year.

Dates for your diary. . .

Nursery Nativity. . . Wednesday 2nd December 9:30am in the school hall

More information about costumes and spaces etc to follow!! (Exciting!)

Thank you so much for all your wonderful support.

Mrs McMaster, Mrs Lee & Miss Blakeney