



Foundation Stage Team Letter Autumn 2025



Dear Parents,

During this term the children will be focusing on an array of books through our Talk through Stories units. They will have opportunities to discuss the main characters and events of the story, consider thoughts and feelings of characters and begin to learn and define new vocabulary.

Please remember to look at your child's Tapestry account and class web page to keep up to date with the learning they are completing in school. Please feel free to comment on Tapestry observations as well as adding your own as this encourages the children to be enthusiastic about sharing their work.

The children always love taking part in lots of outdoor activities. Please ensure they have a warm, waterproof coat, hat and gloves to keep them warm and dry. Please send your child in with a named pair of wellies for our Muddy Monday adventures.

We usually do PE on Fridays. Please send a PE kit in a drawstring bag with your child to keep on their peg. We will send your child home with homework on a Monday and a new book on a Friday. Please ensure both are bought back to school on Friday.

Helping the children to become independent is hugely important for their development. Please help your child by giving them lots of opportunities to dress themselves, zip/button up their coats and put on and fasten their own shoes. If your child struggles with laces, Velcro is a great alternative until they master this skill.

Finally, please help us by naming all your child's belongings.

We look forward to working with you.

Nursery Team

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Key Dates this term:

Thursday 4 th September	Pupils Return
Friday 19 th September	Jeans for Genes Day
Friday 3 rd October	School Photographer
Wednesday 15 th October	Open Morning & Afternoon
Tuesday 21 st - Thursday 23 rd October	Parent Teacher Meetings
Friday 24 th October	End of Term
Monday 27 th October- Friday 31 st October	Half Term
Monday 3 rd November	INSET Day
Tuesday 4 th November	Pupils Return
Friday 7 th November	Non- Uniform Day
Friday 7 th November	Nursery Family Friday
Wednesday 19 th November	Christmas Fayre
Monday 8 th - Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Productions
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 16 th December	Foundation Stage to the Hexagon
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 12 th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Craft Carousel
Thursday 18 th December	End of Term for AM & PM Nursery
Friday 19 th December	End of Term- 2pm- No AM or PM Nursery
Monday 5 th January	Pupils return

During the Autumn term, pupils will be learning the following:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will be focusing on 'Being Me in My World' for the first term and 'Celebrating Differences' in the second term. Pupils will explore feelings and how we can recognize and manage them. They will discuss rights and responsibilities and how we can work together. Pupils will then explore how we can celebrate differences. They will explore similarities and differences between themselves and others and what makes us all special.

Communication and Language

Pupils will work on taking turns in conversation and rehearsing what they would like to say. Pupils will role-play in the home corner and in the role play area, which will be a Doctors Surgery for the first half term and Winter Wonderland for the second half term. They will listen to others in their play, developing their understanding of new vocabulary and stories linked to the topic, before beginning to use new vocabulary in their play. Adults will support and extend pupils' language development through a variety of interventions and group work.

Physical Development

Pupils will focus on gymnastics this term where they will explore movement. They will move in a variety of different ways before beginning to explore jumping and landing and a range of gymnastics equipment. During the second half term they will participate in a variety of dance activities which will help to develop co-ordination and control. Pupils will develop their fine motor skills, especially in writing where they will focus on using a tripod grip, good pressure and correct formation of letters.

We will also discuss healthy living and will find ways to improve our health and fitness.

Literacy

Pupils will do daily phonics using the Read Write Inc. approach. During these sessions we will focus on linking sounds to letters, finding the initial sounds in words and letter formation. Through child-initiated activities, they will begin to explore different genres of writing such as labels, lists and captions.

Mathematics

In Maths, pupils will begin the new White Rose Maths for Nursery to build a solid foundation of their understanding of number and mathematical concepts. Children will spend time exploring more, fewer and the same and begin to explore patterns and using shapes. They will begin to hear, order and recognise numbers 1 to 3 and explore position and shape.

Understanding of the World

Pupils will learn about themselves and their families and compare similarities and differences. We will learn about the human body and identify the different parts of the body and will discuss the five senses. They will explore different festivals and celebrations including ones we have experienced in our own lives as well as current festivals and celebrations, such as Bonfire Night, Diwali, Remembrance and Christmas.

Expressive Arts and Design

Pupils will use and explore a variety of materials and techniques to create their own mood monsters, paper people, self-portraits and handprints. They will also explore colour mixing. They will use their experiences of celebrations and festivals to inspire their work. The children will continue to learn simple nursery rhymes and will learn to find and move to the pulse of music. They will also learn Christmas songs and work together to perform these.