

Welcome to Nursery!

Our dedicated and experienced Nursery team consists of Mrs Mannion, Miss Cockayne, Miss Cherry and Ms Cartmell. We believe in supporting children's holistic development in order to provide tailored learning opportunities which enable all children to reach their full potential. We encourage children to experience and participate in a wide variety of learning opportunities through a hands-on, play based curriculum. Our planning carefully considers our children's current needs and interests in order to engage and nurture all children, in a challenging yet supportive environment.

In Nursery this half term, we will be focusing on the following books:

- Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert
- The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson
- Mungo Monkey Has a Birthday Party by Lydia Monks
- I See Winter by Charles Ghingha
- Immi's Gift by Karin Littlewood
- The Story of Christmas by Hayley Down

Our Learning

- ❖ To develop our Personal, Social and Emotional skills, we will be focusing on how to follow our class rules and understand why they are important. We will be encouraging children to talk about their feelings and to use talk to solve conflicts.
- ❖ To support our Communication and Language development, we will be listening to longer stories and discussing what has happened. We will also be learning to sing a large repertoire of songs, including songs for a Christmas nativity.
- ❖ In Physical Development, we will be taking part in group activities where we will need to work together as a team. We will continue to develop our riding, balancing and ball skills.
- ❖ In Literacy, we will continue to look at these key concepts about print:
 - ❖ Print has meaning
 - ❖ Print can have different purposes
 - ❖ We read English text from left to right and from top to bottom
 - ❖ We will also be looking at our own names and learning to recognise them.
- ❖ In Maths, we will continue to recite numbers and will be practising to count objects by saying one number for each item in order.
- ❖ In Understanding the World, we will continue to use our senses to explore a variety of different natural materials. We will be looking at what happens during seasonal changes through our topics of Autumn and Winter.
- ❖ In Expressive Arts and Design, we will be exploring different materials freely to develop our ideas about how to use them and what to make. We will continue to use a range of different media such as paint, chalk, wax crayons, clay, sand and glitter to create our own art.

- ❖ In Forest School, we will be continuing to recap the boundaries for Forest Schools and we will also be linking our learning to our reading books such as The Leaf Man, by Lois Elbert and The Gruffalo, by Julia Donaldson.
- ❖ This half term in music we will learn new songs and continue to develop the ways we use our voices. We will use puppets, routine songs and musical instruments. We will explore loud, fast and slow sounds. We are now using Makaton to learn our Nativity songs.
- ❖ Suggested listening:
- ❖ Our Favourite Christmas Songs for Kids: <https://youtu.be/grhi8MLM1i8>

Things to remember...

- Wellies are needed in school throughout the year
- All clothing and belongings must be clearly labelled with your child's name
- A full set of spare clothes are required in a labelled bag
- Please don't forget a labelled water bottle

Remember, if your child comes home dirty, it's because they have had a fantastic day!