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What we have been up to:

In the first week the new children have been learning the rules of nursery and how to follow them.

We have been learning each other's names and the staff names and getting to know each other.

We have been singing Hello songs, familiar songs and nursery rhymes.

We have been sharing stories together in the reading area and in group time.

Curriculum:

English

We will be learning a range of familiar and unfamiliar songs, including our 'Hello' songs so that the children become familiar with each other. The children will be sharing a range of familiar and unfamiliar stories and will be able to access books independently in the Reading Area. Stories this term will be 'Owl Babies', 'The Colour Monster', 'Pumpkin Soup', 'The Little Red Hen', 'The Little Red Hen makes a pizza', 'The Scarecrows Wedding', 'Hair Love', 'My Two Grannies', 'Super Duper Me'.

We will be talking about who lives in our house and about our families and making drawings.

How can I help at home?

Please share these stories at home by going to the library. Create a love of books with your children at home by sharing and talking about stories. Encourage your children to handle brushes pens and pencils at home.

Maths

We will be learning counting songs and rhymes on a daily basis. In group times we will be learning the days of the week and months of the year. We will also be talking about the seasons. In group times, we will count practically and find the correct numbers to match. We will be using the language more, less, the same and how many altogether. We will be making our own repeating pattern using objects. We will be looking at simple 2D shapes in the environment and will be making a shape scarecrow.

How can I help at home?

Sing counting songs at home and talk about and find simple shapes around the home or outside on a walk. Talk about what day it is and what the weather is like.

Understanding the world

This half term we will be spending time talking about our families and who lives in our house with us. We will talk about where we live. We will be learning about the seasons and noticing changes during the start of Autumn as well as talking about Harvest and what happens at this time of year. We will also be reading the story 'Pumpkin Soup' and making pumpkin soup. We will learn the story about 'The Little Red Hen' (plus 'The Little Red Hen makes a pizza') and find out about how bread is made and where the flour comes from. We will be making our own mini pizza afterwards. In addition to this we will be playing with toys including the farm, horses and ponies, a train track and the hairdressers and talking about their own experiences of seeing and visiting them.

How can I help at home?

Go on Autumn walks and collect natural resources and talk about them. Share them with Nursery too!



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Curriculum:

Expressive Arts, Being Imaginative

We will be making houses using lolly sticks, making scarecrows using fabric shapes and painting self portraits using mirrors to look at our features. We will be painting at the easel and gluing and sticking independently. After reading the story Owl Babies we will be making our own baby owls using paint and collage materials. Children will be free to play co-operatively in our role play home areas inside and out.

Communication & Language

We will spend time listening to each other in circle and group times as well as listening carefully to instructions from adults. We will be sharing a range of different stories about starting school, our families and feelings. Activities afterwards will encourage children to talk about themselves, their families and their feelings. Lots of the games we play will require the children to listen and follow instructions. We will also be sharing lots of other stories on a daily basis.

Physical Development

We will be encouraging the children to mark make in different ways and with different resources and materials inside and outside. In the garden we will provide wheeled toys, balance bikes, trikes, cars and balance equipment to develop gross motor skills. We will also start a PE session in the hall.

How can you help at home?

Please encourage your child to take off and put on their shoes and socks independently.

Curriculum:

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This half term we will be getting to know each other, making new friends and learning to share and take turns. We will be talking about ourselves and what we like as well as learning to follow the rules and boundaries in Nursery. We will be sharing circles and group times together and talking about our feelings. We will read the story about The Colour Monster and The Colour Monster starting school. We will be talking about feeling happy and sad.

Please help your child at home by....

- talking to them about who is in their family
- continuing to help them become more independent when using the toilet and washing their hands; pulling pants and other garments up and down; putting shoes and socks on and off; and putting on their coat and doing it up.
- sending them to nursery with a coat during colder times and spare clothes, making sure all items are named. Children **do not** need a water bottle unless for their lunch and remember no toys from home please.

Shortly we will be allocating your child a key worker. They are responsible for sending home observations of your child on the Evidence Me app. More details will be sent out soon.

If you have any questions please speak to a member of the Nursery team.

Reminders / Key Dates:

Autumn term

5 September - 16 December

Training day

21 October

School closed for pupils

Half term

24 October - 28 October

Children return to school

31 October