

Early Years Foundation Stage

Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn 2024

Key dates for your diary:

Thurs 12th Sept.– Road Safety team to visit small groups of Reception and Nursery children. (3 sessions are planned)
Tues 17th Sept: Nursery welcome meeting at 2:55pm
Tuesday 17th Sept: Road Safety team in
Weds 18th Sept: Reception welcome meeting at 2:55pm
Friday 20th Sept: Road safety team in
Tuesday 24th Sept: Monster Phonics workshop for Rec+Y1
Wednesday 25th Sept: New Reception intake open evening– 4:30-6:30pm (Nursery parents)
Wednesday 9th October- New Reception intake open evening– 4:30-6:30 (Nursery parents)
Tuesday 15th October– Individual photos
Wednesday 16th Oct: Reception visit to Gornal Library
Thurs 24th Oct: Reception Drawing Club parent workshop.
Wednesday 23rd October- 'Spooky Day'. Details to follow
WB 28th October - Half Term week
Thursday 7th Nov: Fire Service visit to EYFS
Thursday 14th November - Nursery Rhyme Showcase (Nursery) 11:00am/2:30pm
Friday 15th November - Children in Need
Tues 26th November/ Tues 3rd December/ Tues 10th December– Nursery children and parents Christmas craft at 3:30-4:00 (sign up via ParentPay, details to follow)
Friday 29th November– Odd sock day (Anti-Bullying week)
Friday 6th December– Christmas Fayre
Nursery trip to Adventure Street– Date TBC
Tues 17th December– Reception Nativity in school (TBC)
Weds 18th Dec: Nursery Christmas singalong 11:00am +2:30pm. Christmas Jumper Day. End of term 2pm
Friday 20th December – Christmas Jumper Day/End of term
2:00pm finish

A big 'Well Done' to all of our new starters this term in Nursery and to our new Reception cohort. You have settled so well!

Early Years staff

Nursery Teacher: Mrs Horton

Nursery TA's: Mrs Cooper, Miss Bradley and Miss Blackwell

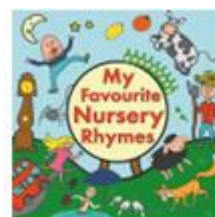
Reception Teachers RM: Miss Moulton

Reception Teacher RD: Miss Deacon

Also working in Reception: Mrs Pinson. Miss Scarratt, Miss Lewis, and Mrs Sidaway

New Topics!

Nursery - **All about me:** This term in Nursery, we are exploring the topic 'All about me'. We will be talking about ourselves, our family and how to keep ourselves healthy. We are going to be learning lots of different Nursery Rhymes and doing activities that support our learning of these rhymes. We will also be learning some number rhymes too.



Reception – **Planes, trains and automobiles**

This term in Reception, we are learning all about transport. We will be looking at the books 'The Naughty Bus' and 'Meg's Car'. We will be exploring different ways to travel and creating different forms of transport.

Learning in Early Years: In Nursery and Reception, most of our learning takes place through play. The areas within our classrooms and outdoors are continually enhanced to ensure that children have access to a variety of resources and to give opportunities for lots of learning to take place. This can include role play, malleable play (dough), construction, mark making, physical activities, creative activities... the list goes on!

Children also complete daily activities with an adult. These activities help to develop our learning further and allow adults time to assess children's understanding which helps us to plan for future learning opportunities.

Reading: We visit the school library once per week and take a book home to share for enjoyment.

School library days: Nursery and Reception: Monday

Reception children will also receive one school reading book per week which will be issued on a Friday. This will begin once children are able to blend to read.

What does my child need?

As the weather changes and becomes cooler, please ensure your child is sent to school with appropriate clothing (a warm coat, scarves/hats/gloves when needed). Please ensure all items are **named**. It would be useful for your child to practise putting on these clothing items independently.

Your child should also bring a named bottle of water to school. No fizzy drinks allowed.

Please could you ensure your child has a small bag of spare clothes in case of accidents (including messy play!) This can remain in school on your child's peg.

Reception will have PE on Monday's. They should come to school in PE kit on this day.

We enjoy learning outdoors at school and have the opportunity to explore outdoors every day. We have mud kitchens, sand and water outdoors so to protect our clothing, we encourage children to wear waterproof suits and wellies. We do have a selection of these in school, but if your child has their own all-in-one waterproof suit they would prefer to wear, please ensure it is named and it can be left on their peg.

If your child has their own wellies, these can also be left in school. Again, please ensure they are named.

English

Nursery: All about Me- Children will be encouraged to read for pleasure during their 'COOL time' (Choosing Our Own Learning). They will visit our school library every week. They will be practising recognising their own name and have lots of opportunities to mark make. They will listen to lots of stories and be encouraged to talk about these in small groups. They will also be given lots of opportunity for role play so that they can re-enact their favourite stories and develop communication skills. The main texts in Nursery are 'Monkey Puzzle' and all about me books.

Reception: Children will learn to follow text in books, listen to and recognise sounds in words and blend to read some simple words. They will learn to write their name, letters of the alphabet and will begin to write some simple words. We will be reading many books that look at different forms of transport. The children will enjoy many traditional tales during our story time.

Maths

Nursery: Children will learn lots of number songs & rhymes and be encouraged to join in. Children will be practising counting at every opportunity and encouraged to look for numbers in their environment. Children will be exploring colour, matching and sorting and begin to look at patterns and some 2D shapes.

Reception: Reception will also be singing lots of number songs and encouraged to join in with the actions. Children will be matching, sorting and comparing. Children will also be looking in more detail at numbers to 5 and exploring 2D shapes. We will begin to look at patterns in the environment and try to recreate our own repeating patterns. Children will also talk about measure.



We use Evidence Me to record your child's learning in school. You can access this online or by downloading the app from the Google Play or the App store and signing up via the link we send you.

Every Monday, you will receive a weekly update with key information for the week and any observations of your child from the previous week.

Don't forget... You can add photo/video observations to your child's learning journey using Evidence Me. We love to see the experiences the children have outside of school!