Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn 2025

Key dates for your diary:

Nursery

<u>Wednesday 17th September-</u> Parents Welcome Meeting <u>Tuesday 14th October-</u> Reception open evening for new Reception cohort (10 and 4)

Thursday 23rd October- Trip to Adventure Street.

Friday 24th October-Spooky Dress up Day

<u>Friday 14th November-</u> Nursery Rhyme Week (Parents invited for sing-a-long)

<u>Wednesday 17th December</u>- Christmas Sing-a long (wear Christmas jumpers- Parents invited in)

<u>Wednesday 17th December</u>-Nursery break up for Christmas 18^{th} & 19^{th} December- Nursery Closed (Home Visits for new intake)

Wednesday 7th January-Children return to school

Reception

Tuesday 16th September-Parents Welcome Meeting

Tuesday 7th October- Making porridge

Thursday 16th October Phonics workshop-2:40

Tuesday 21st October-Visit to Gornal Library

 $\underline{\text{Thursday 18}^{\text{th}} \; \text{December}}\text{-Christmas crafts/ mince pies/ hot chocolate}$

<u>Friday 19th December-</u>Christmas Jumper Day <u>Wednesday 7th January-</u>Children return to school

Whole of EYFS

<u>Friday 19th September 2025-</u> Children can come to school dressed as 'rockstars' for Maths TTRS launch.
<u>Friday 26th September-</u> Mufti Day (donation to first responders)

<u>Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th November</u>- Pupil Progress Evenings (You will be able to book a slot via the MCAS App) <u>Friday 21st November-</u> Children in Need day (details to follow)

<u>Monday 27th October- Friday 31st October</u>- Half Term (School Closed)

Friday 5th December- Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 17th December- Christmas Dinner Day

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.

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

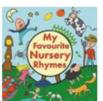
Nursery Teacher: Mrs Horton
Also working in Nursery: Mrs Cooper, Miss Bradley
Reception Teachers RS: Mrs Sproson
Reception Teacher RD: Miss Onyeama
Also working in Reception: Mrs Pinson. Miss Scarratt,
Miss Lewis, and Ms Bate

New Topics!

Nursery - Rhyme Time

This term in Nursery, we are beginning the topic 'All about me', We will be talking about ourselves and our family. We will then move on to 'farm animals'. 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 'We can't take an elephant on the bus' and 'Meg's Car'. We will be exploring different ways to travel and creating different forms of transport.



Reading

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

School library days - Nursery: Monday

- Reception: Friday

Reception children will also receive one school reading book per week which will be issued on <u>Friday's</u>. 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.

Literacy

Nursery: Rhyme Time- Children will be encouraged to read for pleasure during their 'COOL time' (Choosing Our Own Learning). They will also 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, linked to farm animals.

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 also 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 also 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.

evidence me

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!

Please make sure you are signed up! Speak to a member of the Early Years team if you are having any difficulties.

Termly costs

We recognise that some events and activities come with a cost. We encourage you to reuse or recycle things that you already have, rather than buying new things where possible.

Potential costs for Nursery

Adventure Street- Around £10
Spooky Day- Please be creative
(Please see Evidence Me nearer to the time for ideas)
Christmas dinner-Under £4
Christmas jumper day- Around £5

Potential costs for Reception

Christmas crafts workshop-£1 Christmas dinner-Under £4 Christmas jumper day- Around £5