

# Early Years Foundation Stage

## Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn 2025

### Key dates for your diary:

#### Nursery

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September- Parents Welcome Meeting

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October- Reception open evening for new Reception cohort (10 and 4)

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October- Trip to Adventure Street.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October- Spooky Dress up Day

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

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

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December-Nursery break up for Christmas

18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> December- Nursery Closed (Home Visits for new intake)

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January- Children return to school

#### Reception

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September- Parents Welcome Meeting

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October- Making porridge

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October Phonics workshop-2:40

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October-Visit to Gornal Library

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December-Christmas crafts/ mince pies/ hot chocolate

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January- Children return to school

#### Whole of EYFS

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025- Children can come to school dressed as 'rockstars' for Maths TTRS launch.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September- Mufti Day (donation to first responders)

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November- Pupil Progress Evenings (You will be able to book a slot via the MCAS App)

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November- Children in Need day (details to follow)

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

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Dinner Day

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.



### 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: Monday

- Reception: Friday

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



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