

Early Year Unit: Nursery Newsletter – Autumn 1

Welcome

A warm welcome to all our parents, carers, and children. I hope you are ready to start a busy and exciting year in Nursery. Along with Miss Witton and Mrs Clough, I am excited to get to know your children and help them grow and learn during their time at Nursery. Please feel free to speak to me or the other Early Years staff if you have any questions or queries.

Miss Moorhouse

Autumn 1 Focus

Our first terms learning will be focused around the question "Why can't we eat chocolate for breakfast?" The children will be encouraged to think about healthy food choices, explore different types of breakfast foods and even have a go at making their own delicious breakfasts!



Phonics

At Hazel Leys, we use the *Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised* scheme. In Nursery, your child will take part in daily phonics sessions which will encourage them to listen to sounds in words, such as the sound that their name starts with. This term we will focus on the sounds s, a, t, p which we will explore through phonetic games.

Phonics

Literacy - Writing

During this term we will be encouraging the children to mark make with meaning, E.G drawing 3 circles with lines and the children saying it represents their family.



Literacy - Reading

We will be sharing lots of lovely stories with your child in Early Years and we will upload stories to Tapestry for you to share at home.



Every Friday, your child will choose a 'Reading for Pleasure' book to take home. This is a book to be shared with the adults at home. By reading a wide range of books, your child will be emersed in storytelling and will expand their vocabulary.

Maths

We LOVE to count in Early Years, we count everything and sing lots of number rhymes to help us remember the order of numbers when rote counting. This term we will be focusing on accurate counting of objects and number recognition.



Communication and Language

In Nursery, there will be lots of opportunities in whole class, small group and 1:1 sessions for children to share their ideas. The children will also develop their skills by taking part in listening games.



To support your child with their language, we will be learning a new nursery rhyme each week. At the end of the week, the new rhyme will be sent home for your child to share with you. By learning these rhymes, your child will have a wider vocabulary and be more confident with their performance skills.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

In Early Years we offer the children lots of opportunities to become independent and to build relationships with the other children and staff. We will share stories that explore different feelings and support the children to regulate their emotions.



Part of this area of learning includes independence in managing their personal hygiene. The children will be given lots of opportunities to develop these skills, such as; going to the toilet, washing their hands and carrying equipment safely.

Physical Development

In Nursery, we will be practising ways to move, encouraging fine motor activities, such as; using scissors, pencils and cutlery, encouraging good posture when sitting at the table or on the floor and practicing ball skills. We also have dough disco sessions to strengthen hand grip and pencil control.



Our **PE lessons** will be on **Wednesday**.

Children are to come to nursery in clothes that allow them to move easily so they can take part in our PE sessions. E.G leggings/tracksuit and t-shirt.

Understanding the World

This term we will be talking about our families, cultures, and where we live. Throughout the year we will look at seasonal changes. The children will have the opportunity to go on sensory walks where they look at the changes in the natural world. They will also be using these walks to collect items for the children to explore in detail.



Expressive Arts and Design

In Early Years, we consider expressive arts to include arts and crafts, role play, building and creating structures to support small world play, dancing and singing. There are so many ways that our children can express themselves. We provide all these opportunities in class throughout the year.



This term we will have a home corner for the children to explore, we will create pictures of our families and make different crafts that link to our class books.

Helping your child learn at home

- Share the 'Reading for Pleasure' book with your child.
- Encourage your child to put on their coats independently.
- Practice counting object at home.



Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



Class information

Class Teacher: Miss Moorhouse

Teaching Assistants: Miss Witton and Mrs Clough

In order to keep books in good condition we ask that all children bring their book bag back to Nursery on Thursdays.

Please remember to name all your child's property, including school jumpers or cardigans. We request that all children bring a named water bottle to Nursery every day and as the weather is warmer a sun hat and sun cream.



As you can imagine our learning in Early Years is going to involve lots of messy play and food exploration. We will also be learning about seasonal changes so there will be lots of opportunities for splashing in lots of puddles. Please ensure that your child has spare named clothes on their peg and wellington boots.

Please remember when making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

Dates for the diary!

Monday 5th September - Friday 9th September- **Home visits** for all Nursery children

New Starters

Monday 12th September- **New Starters** in **part time** all week.

Monday 19th September- **New Starters** in **part time** all week.

Monday 26th September- **New starters** to do their 15- or 30-hours allocation.



Returning Children

Monday 12th September- **Returning children** to attend their usual session times.

Wednesday 12th October – Individual school photographs

Wednesday 12th/Thursday 13th October – Parents' evenings

Monday 24th - Friday 28th October - Half Term Holiday