

Nursery Newsletter Autumn 2024/2025

News and Events in Nursery!

Wow, what an amazing half term we had, from the wonderful colour monster to autumn walks and spooky festivities it is needless to say, we had smiles, fun and laughter every day! And now, we are ready and excited to embark on a term full of magic and sparkles; as always making lots of memories along the way. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support. It has been wonderful to see how DOJO has taken off and your involvement with it is fantastic! This is one of the busiest terms of the year but also a personal favourite of mine, if you have any questions or queries, as always please don't hesitate to contact a member of our team.

Mrs Marsh

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| Values: | We have weekly carpet times based on our school values and certificates will be sent home to praise children demonstrating them. Our Pentland values are; Kindness, Hardworking, Resilience, Confidence and Independence. We are focussing on embedding new routines and expectations in the environment. Where possible at home could you support staff by encouraging children to be independent, take care of their toys and tidy up when they are finished. |
| Dates for the Diary: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thursday 21st November - School Photo Day• Wednesday 11th December - Early Years Nativity• Friday 13th December - Christmas Jumper Day• Tuesday 17th December - Early Years Christmas Extravaganza• Friday 20th December - Christmas Party Day <p>There will be a separate letter sent out detailing the events above.</p> |
| What your child needs: | As the weather is now getting colder, please ensure your child has a warm coat, hat and pair of gloves. We spend a lot of time learning outside and so these items will ensure your child can access this. Can we also ask that children come into school with a water bottle filled with water as children have access to these throughout the day. We have lots of wellies in school but as children are forever growing, please check if your child needs a new pair to be left in school. |

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Reading

The children will have daily Read Write Inc Phonics lessons including Fred talk games, rhyme time sessions with nursery rhymes and poems and lots of quality stories. The children will be learning that print has meaning.

Some of our key texts and rhymes this half term are:

- The Gruffalo
- Stickman
- We're going on a bear hunt
- A selection of Christmas stories

Writing

Children will take part in lots of different mark making activities and letter practise. Some children will be focusing on writing their own name.

Maths

Children will be developing fast recognition of 3 objects, reciting numbers past 5, say one number for each item in order: 1,2,3,4,5. Compare quantities using language: 'more than', 'fewer than' and understand that the last number they count is the total amount.

Celebrations

Seasons

Christmas

Physical Development

The children will continue to develop their fundamental movement skills through a programme called 'Move with Max Up in Space'.

Understanding the World

This term children will be given opportunities to explore celebrations in their lives such as birthdays as well as:

- Harvest Festival
- Diwali (India)
- Hanukah (Jewish)
- Thanksgiving (America)
- Christmas

We will also be exploring the seasons of Autumn and Winter.

Expressive Art and Design

Through our expressive arts, children will be using a variety of materials to make free collage. This will include:

- Natural/ man made textiles.
- Tearing and cutting paper.
- Using junk fabric, paper, foil, etc to make free patterns or pictures.