Nursery Newsletter Autumn 2026

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! The children have settled into routines well and are learning how to play with one another and transition from different parts of their session with confidence.

We are ready and excited to embark on a new half 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. Seeing so many of our families at our Harvest Stay and Play was amazing to see and also your support and interaction on DOJO, seeing all the wonderful things our children get up to.

As always, if you have any questions or queries, as always please don't hesitate to contact a member of our team. We look forward to another fun filled half term with you all.

Mrs Marsh

Values:	We have weekly carpet times based on our school values. 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. This term we would like to encourage children to put their coats and shoes on independently.
What your child needs:	As the weather is now getting colder, please ensure your child has a warm coat, hat and pair of gloves and wellies in nursery. 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. **Toilet training:** Please support your child at home with **toilet training**. This is a key skill that children need to be equipped within Early Years If you are struggling, please speak to a member of staff and refer to 'Eric toilet training support'. **Independence:**

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This term we also ask that you support and encourage your child being independent. Walking to Nursery themselves, reducing dummy time, dressing themselves, putting their shoes and coats on etc.

This will all support their development within the key areas of the Early Years framework.

Please find some useful links below, please explore these.

Potty Training & Toileting Books for Children – ERIC, The Children's Bowel & Bladder Charity

Potty training children with additional needs - ERIC

Growing Healthy 0-19 Stockton GWGH | HDFT Childrens Health Service

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Reading

The children will have daily phase one listening sessions, rhyme time sessions with nursery rhymes and lots of quality stories.

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

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.

Children will be taught this through direct teaching each day and also have plentiful opportunities to apply this throughout the provision.

Understanding the World

This term cchildren will be exploring the seasons and how they change. We have enjoyed exploring signs of autumn and we will now look at how autumn changes to winter. It is wonderful to be able to take the children on walks around our school grounds to explore these changes and observe nature.

We will also be looking at celebrations such as bonfire night and Christmas.

We look forward to watching our children participate in our own Nativity to celebrate Christmas.

Celebrations

Seasons

Christmas

Writing

Children will take part in lots of different mark making activities and fine motor skills. This will be through play and endless opportunities to explore their own marks and understanding what their own marks mean.

Physical Development

The children will continue to develop their fundamental movement skills through our gross motor opportunities along with our risky play opportunities.

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.