

Nursery Curriculum Newsletter

Communication & Language

This half term our phonics focus will be on 'tuning into sounds' especially those around us in the environment. Speaking and listening is an extremely important focus in Nursery as it helps to make sure that the children are ready for formal teaching of phonics by the time they start Reception. Therefore, it is vital that children are given time to have their own conversations and build up a wide vocabulary of words. To develop their sentence structure we will continue to model full sentences and key words whilst conversation with the children. The children will also be encouraged to listen to stories and others' with interest.

How you can help at home

When you read your child a story, please talk about the book you have shared. You could discuss what your favourite part of the story was sharing the good and bad characters within the story. You could support the children's prediction skills by stopping reading the story just before the end and asking the children to predict what they think might happen next. You could also speak to them about their day at Nursery – the notice board outside the classroom will give you an insight into what we are focusing on each week.



Physical Development

This half term we will be experimenting with different ways of moving, such as skipping, hopping and jumping. To develop the children's fine motor skills we will continue to participate in Funky Finger activities where they will thread beads and use tools such as scissors, pegs and tweezers to pick up small objects.

The children love exploring our outside area. It is very important that the children bring suitable clothing to wear for outdoor play. As the weather becomes colder please can we ask that children come to school prepared with hats, scarfs and gloves. Please remember all clothing needs to be labelled with your child's full name.

How you can help at home

Please continue to encourage your child to get dressed and put on their shoes and coats independently. You can also support us by continuing to draw or paint with your child, discussing the marks that they make and model how they should be holding their pencil.



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Personal, Social & Emotional Development

The children have settled well into the Nursery routine. We will continue to develop our sharing and turn-taking skills over this half term. This ability is essential in order to help your child to build positive relationships in class. The children will also be encouraged to show an increased involvement in chosen activities and carpet sessions.

How you can help at home

Please encourage your child to share resources either with their siblings or a grown up, try to avoid giving your child the first of everything. Instead, remind them to wait for their turn.

Give your child some special jobs to do at home such as help you match all the socks together.

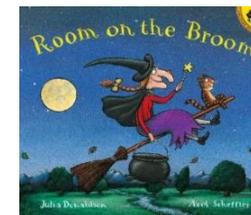


Topic – Magical Make Believe

This half term our topic is 'Magical make believe'. We will be learning about different magical characters such as witches, wizards, fairies and dragons using various sources. We will be focusing on superheroes using the 'Supertato' story as a stimulus and there will be different activities set up based on this story to encourage children to discuss the main events. The children will also be taking part in a very exciting experiment – where they have to think of ways to help Elsa escape from the frozen ice. Over the last few weeks of this half term, we will prepare the classroom for Christmas and practise songs for our Christmas production. We might even have a special guest!

How you can help at home

Please encourage your child to create their own magical potions at home – whether this be during bath time, on a piece of paper, in the garden or the kitchen.



Important Dates & Information

Our Superstar Challenge this half term is to draw a picture of our favourite superhero. If your child completes this challenge, they will be rewarded with a small prize from the Nursery Special Treats Box! A reminder about our 'Superstar sheets', this is where we would like you to write down all the amazing things your children have achieved at home. Thank you to those parents who have already completed some stars we loved hearing about your children's achievements.

We would also just like to say thank you for your continued support and that we look forward to another exciting and hardworking term!

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| • Nursery Nativity Performance | Monday 10 th December at 10:30am & 2:00pm |
| • Nursery Christmas Party | Monday 17 th December am & pm |
| • Nursery Christmas Read PM CHILDREN | Wednesday 19 th December 2:15pm |
| • Nursery Christmas Read AM CHILDREN | Friday 21 st December 9:00am |

