



Welcome to the Autumn Term 1 in Nursery!

Welcome to the first half term in Nursery. There is so much to see below for further information about each subject.

Welcome to Nursery! During our **first half term, Autumn 1**, our main focus will be helping children settle into their new environment, build positive relationships and become familiar with our Nursery routines. Through stories, play and practical experiences, children will begin to develop their confidence, independence and curiosity as they explore their new setting. Below is some information about what we will be learning during our first half term.

English – Talk for Writing

Children will explore the story *Rosie's Walk*-through Talk for Writing. They will enjoy listening to and joining in with the story, developing their understanding of key vocabulary and beginning to retell familiar parts of the story. Through actions, repetition, role play and small-world experiences, children will develop their communication and language skills while building confidence in speaking and listening.

Phonics

There will be no formal phonics sounds introduced during Autumn 1. Instead, children will focus on developing their awareness of rhyme through enjoyable rhyme-time activities, songs and nursery rhymes. We will also focus on helping children settle into the routines and expectations of phonics sessions within their new setting.

Maths

Children will begin to develop their early mathematical understanding through practical experiences and play. Baseline assessments will help us understand each child's starting point and identify their next steps. Children will explore the idea that objects continue to exist even when they cannot be seen, play games such as Kim's Game, and develop their understanding of objects being 'all gone'. They will explore grouping objects that are the same or different and begin to notice changes in quantity, including understanding more and less when working with up to five objects.

Understanding the World – Me and My Community & Exploring Autumn

Children will begin to explore themselves, their families and their new community as they settle into Nursery. They will talk about the people who are important to them and develop an understanding of their place within their Nursery and wider community. As autumn arrives, children will explore seasonal changes in the world around them, looking closely at leaves, plants, weather and other signs of autumn through hands-on experiences and outdoor exploration.

PSED – Being Me

Through the Jigsaw *Being Me* unit, children will focus on developing their sense of identity and belonging. They will explore their feelings, build relationships with adults and other children, and develop confidence within their new Nursery environment. Children will begin to understand routines, boundaries and how they can contribute positively to their Nursery community.



PE

Children will be introduced to PE and begin to become familiar with the routines and expectations of PE sessions. They will explore moving in different ways, developing their coordination, balance and spatial awareness while building confidence in using the space and equipment safely.



Expressive Arts and Design

Children will have opportunities to explore a range of creative materials, sounds, music and imaginative experiences through continuous provision and adult-led activities. They will be encouraged to experiment, make choices and express their ideas through art, music, movement and role play.