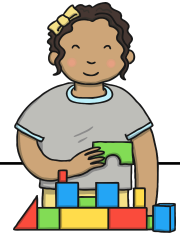




Hilderthorpe Nursery Newsletter

Autumn 2 2024



This Half Term

This half term our topic is "Senses".

In Communication and Language we are thinking about understanding and acting on longer sentences. We are working on understanding a question or instruction that has two parts, such as "get your coat and wait at the door". We will be playing listening games, tuning into sounds and having our daily circle times.

In Personal, Social and Emotional learning we are continuing to develop friendships and practising turn taking and sharing. We will enjoy shared experiences such as baking and all the excitement that the build up to Christmas will bring! We are also thinking about special times such as Diwali, Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day.

In Physical Development we are focusing on games that encourage us to skip, hop, stand on one leg and hold a pose for a game like musical statues. We are encouraging children to be increasingly independent as they get dressed and undressed, for example, putting coats on and doing up zips. We will be working on our fine motor skills ready for writing with dough disco, "flipper flappers" and lots of funky fingers activities with threading, pinching and pulling.

In Literacy we will be sharing lots of stories about special times and also lots of books about our senses such as The Gingerbread Man, Don't Put Your Finger in the Jelly, Nelly and a selection of non-fiction books. We will also be mark making in our class floorbook. We will start to visit our school library for story times too.

We will be developing our maths skills using lots of fun and exciting activities. We love singing counting songs such as 5 Little Pumpkins, 5 fat fireworks etc all linking to our learning about the five senses. We are building our number sense of 1 to 3 items. We are consolidating our counting to 5. We are also going to be matching/ comparing amounts to 5 i.e. "you have 2, I have 2, we have the same" and looking at patterns.

Our weekly nursery rhymes are 1 finger, 1 thumb keep moving, 1, 2 Buckle my shoe, 2 Little Dickie Birds, Head, Shoulder, Knees and Toes and Zoom, Zoom Zoom.

In Understanding the World we will be continuing to look at the seasons, going on sensory walks and exploring collections of materials with similar and/or different properties. We will encourage children to talk about what they see, hear, feel, smell and taste using a wide vocabulary. We will be thinking about celebrations and special times such as bonfire night, Diwali and Christmas.

In Expressive Arts and Design we will be using a range of materials and exploring them using our senses. We will be doing lots of singing this half term and learning songs in the build up to Christmas.

Spare Clothing & Belongings

We like to spend time learning outdoors in all weathers and the children also enjoy water play both indoors and outdoors.

Please can you ensure children bring a spare set of clothes (these do not need to be school uniform) and a pair of named wellies to keep on their pegs.

Staff

The staff in Nursery are-
Mrs Jackson, Mrs Harding and Miss Lord

We are always in need of spare clothing so any donations would be greatly appreciated as we are currently running low.

Please return any spare clothes or shoes that your child is sent home in. Thank you

Please can all lunch boxes, drinks bottles and clothing be named to support staff with returning items to their rightful owners. Thank you

**Term Dates-
School closes for Christmas
holidays-**

Thursday 19th December 2024

**School is closed on Friday 20th
December for a staff training day.**

**School reopens on Monday 6th
January 2025**

Reading

We love reading books in Nursery and share stories together every day.

For more information about ways you can develop Early Reading at home

<https://cdn.booktrust.org.uk/globalassets/resources/bookstart/reading-with-your-child-3-4-years/bookstart-reading-with-your-child-3-4-english.pdf>

Extra news/information:

We had a dentist visit the Nursery this week. She showed the children how to care for their teeth and the importance of a healthy diet and drinks. She encouraged the children to bring water to school in their bottles and to only drink juice at a meal time. She will be sending some information into school regarding accessing NHS dentists in the area. We will share this information with you via the whole school newsletter.

We are using X/ Twitter. Please follow us on @HilderthorpeSch to share our activities and celebrate our achievements.

