



Nursery – Autumn Term

Welcome!

We would like to welcome back those children continuing their education in nursery and say 'hello' to new children starting this September. This term will be dedicated to 'getting to know each other' for the children, parents and teachers alike, enjoying the autumn changes and celebrating Diwali and Christmas.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development.

This term is all about building relationships and developing a sense of belonging in a new environment. There will be an emphasis on turn taking and sharing, through participating in a variety of activities. Routine and group work will gradually be introduced through register time, milk and fruit time, singing and story sessions and circle time.

Communication and Language.

Communication skills can be the key to good progress. Children will be encouraged to develop and expand their language skills in a variety of situations, both formal and informal, when playing and during structured games and activities.

Mathematics.

Numbers and shapes are all around us, and the children are encouraged to notice numbers and shapes and find out how we use them in everyday situations. Games will involve sorting and matching, counting quantities and recognising numerals and extending mathematical language.

Physical Development.

Children will be encouraged to develop an awareness of body parts and explore the different ways they can move their bodies. Children will participate in action songs and rhymes and there is a P.E. session each week. Outdoor play provides opportunities for children to enjoy energetic activities such as climbing, running up hill, crawling etc. Indoors, children experience many activities that involve developing fine motor skills such as linking small construction materials, sticking and using one handed tools.

Literacy.

Children have opportunities to enjoy books in the book corner, listen to stories, and participate in stories and rhymes. Activities are often based on children's responses to stories. Phonics will be introduced through group work that includes listening to and describing sounds and noises around us, developing an awareness of syllables in words, identifying rhyme and letter recognition. Children will start to copy letters of their name using a variety of materials and writing tools.

Understanding the World.

Our topic this term begins with getting to know our nursery, its routines and expectations. Children will be encouraged to explore each area in nursery, including our outside area. This will extend to 'learning about ourselves' as a member of nursery. Autumnal weather and the celebrations of Diwali and Christmas will also be a part of our focus. Children will be introduced to learning journeys as a record of the work they do.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will have the opportunity to use and explore a variety of tools and materials aimed at extending sensory experiences and developing self-expression, techniques and skills. We encourage the exploration of sound through playing musical instruments. The role play and dressing up areas encourage children to play imaginatively.

