

# Nursery Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 1

## **How you can help us support your child**

We hope you all had an amazing summer, I can't wait to hear what the children have been up to. We can't wait to get to know all of your wonderful children. This half term is all about learning new routines and getting to know your child's interests, strengths and any areas of development. Within the first half term we will be assessing your child, so we have a starting point from which we can plan the next steps for your child to succeed and make progress. We will be having a focus on independence, we will be encouraging the children to put on their own coats, fasten their shoes and support them to become more independent learners.

Please ensure that your child has the following items:

- Labelled Wellies
- A labelled school water bottle
- A book bag
- Spare clothes in a separate bag (to be kept in school)

The children must wear plain black school shoes with velcro (NO LACES)

A polite reminder that earrings must not be worn at school.

Thank you to all parents who have brought their family photos in, the children have enjoyed talking about people who are important to them. If you haven't sent them in please could we have these.

**Here are some ideas for you to help your child at home, which will give them an extra boost with their learning!**

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development - How you can help at home:**

- Encourage your child to say positive things about themselves each day.
- Encourage them to talk about friendships they have made at nursery and discuss how to be a good friend.
- Explain your own emotions and feelings and explain any emotions that they are unsure of

### **Mathematics - How you can help at home. Have a go at the following activities:**

- Support your children in counting whilst out and about such as steps.
- Sing counting songs and rhymes
- Looking at shapes within the environment such as square windows, circular wheels and triangular signs.
- When building with boxes, bricks or Lego encourage them to describe their model using words such as long or tall.

### **Physical Development - How you can help at home:**

- Talk about ways we can be healthy and which foods are more healthier than others and why.
- Let your children practice using children's scissors to cut play dough, paper or cooked spaghetti.
- Play throwing and catching games to develop your child's gross motor skills.
- Make play dough to squeeze, press, roll to develop fine motor skills

### **Understanding of the World - How you can help at home:**

- Talk with your child about their favourite toy and places they have been such as the cinema.
- Let your child explore mud, rain, snow and ask questions about what they see.
- Let them press buttons such as pelican crossings, doorbells at friends houses and discuss what happens.

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## **Expressive Arts and Design - How you can help at home:**

- Listen to different types of music and talk about which ones they prefer. Choose their own song to play or make up their own in the car.
- Talk to your child about how we identify its Autumn for example the leaves falling off the trees.
- Use your child's toys to make up stories.
- Sing songs together and make up dances!

## **Communication and Language How you can help at home:**

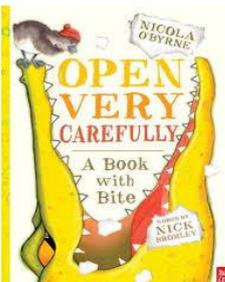
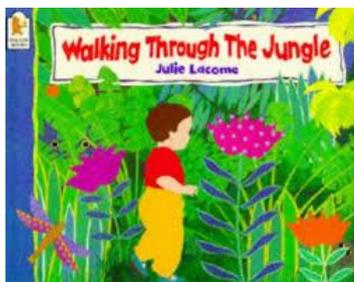
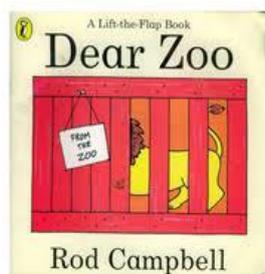
- Ask the children to talk to you about things they have done in nursery yesterday.
- Play listening games such as “Simon says”.
- Read stories at bedtime, encourage them to listen and join in with their favourite bits.

We always have an open-door policy and are around to chat but we understand it is a little busy sometimes. Here is our foundation stage e-mail if you have any queries.

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**Please also share your children's special achievements and things you are proud of by doing a “Proud Cloud”. Cloud templates will be available outside of your child's classroom door at the end of the day with a post box to post them. Thank You**

Books we will be exploring this half term!



We will be supporting the children to build friendships and encouraging them to turn take. We will be doing activities to support such as using the parachute, we will sing various songs which encourages taking turns. We will be making dens where we will have to listen to each other and work collaboratively with our peers.

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## **How to keep yourself updated**

### **Twitter**

Please also follow us on Twitter @NurseryLLTPA

### **Early Excellence**

You will be given login details to access Early Excellence, this is where you can access their learning journeys and feed into your child's learning. If you have any questions surrounding this please ask one of the nursery team.