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Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter 2026-2027 - Quarter 1

Dear Nursery Parents and Carers,

Each quarter we will send a newsletter outlining the key learning and coverage in each subject area, along with useful links and ideas of how you can help to support your child's learning at home.

Our Big Question for this quarter is:

Who am I?

Areas of learning

Communication and language Literacy	In reading we will be covering the following texts: Owl babies, The family book, Handa's surprise (linked to healthy eating, cooking and nutrition), We are family and So much. We will be talking about ourselves and the people in our families. We will also be learning phonics using animaphonics and will start with the sounds a b c d e f. Useful links/ways to support at home: • Encourage your child to talk about the pictures in their reading books. • Encourage your child to recognise and write their name. • Practise learning and writing the phonics sounds and make cvc words (consonant, vowel, consonant) such as sat, tap, pin etc.. • Please support your children with their homework and encourage them to make marks in their homework book to show their developing writing skills.
Maths	In Maths we will be learning counting songs such as 5 little speckled frogs, 5 little ducks, shape songs and counting to 5 and 10. Useful links/ways to support at home: • Sing counting songs • Match number symbols to amounts • Read numbers from number plates on cars and door numbers as you walk to school with your child. • Help your child identify shapes in everyday objects.
Understanding the world	We will be looking at seasonal changes by taking walks around the school field as well as making leaf and bark rubbings. We will be collecting objects such as conkers and pinecones. We will experiment with cornflour and discuss changing states of matter. Useful links/ways to support at home: • Discuss changes in the season such as leaves falling from trees, daylight getting shorter, and how the weather is getting cooler.

Creative arts and design	This quarter the children will be making owl babies and their nests as well as creating a forest environment . They will be using a variety of mixed media such as twigs, feathers, paint and markers. They will also be making self portraits, clay divas and Sukkahs. Useful links/ways to support at home: • Collect a variety of recycled materials and make a storybook character or an object from your favourite story. • Make cards for celebrations such as birthdays or religious celebrations. • Make art with nature such as leaves, shells and twigs.
RE/PSED	We will be learning about the celebrations of Sukkot, Diwali and Christmas. In PSED we will be learning about how to be a good friend, sharing and taking turns. We will also learn about eating healthily. Useful links/ways to support at home: • Talk about celebrations you have within your religion or the religions of other people. • Discuss what it means to be a good friend and family member. • Make healthy food and drinks together and discuss why they are healthy.
PE	In PE we will be focusing on the skills of travelling in different ways such as running, hopping, skipping and jumping. We will also be practising throwing and catching equipment such as balls and beanbags. Nursery PE day is on Friday. On your child's PE day please ensure your child is wearing the correct PE kit, details of which can be found in the school uniform policy. • White plain t-shirt (logo optional). • Navy or black shorts or tracksuit bottoms. • Black plimsolls (these are preferable to trainers as they are more flexible).

Home Learning

Each week your child should receive homework, where they will have weekly tasks to complete with your support. It is the responsibility of the parents and carers to ensure that the homework book is returned to school on time.

Home learning also includes developing basic skills such as using the toilet, washing hands, putting jackets on/taking them off, opening water bottles, using cutlery and eating independently.

Reading:

- Reading should be recorded in your child's home learning book.
- In addition, we encourage you to read stories to your child regularly, and have a healthy reading culture at home, to promote a love of reading. This will also support your child in their writing.

Maths practice:

- Your child should complete tasks assigned to them such as counting amounts, beginning to write numbers and identifying shapes and patterns.

**All home learning will be issued on Friday and collected on the following Wednesday.
Other subject tasks will be set at the discretion of the class teacher.**

If you find anything out, come across an exciting book or find a great website, please let us know so we can pass the information on to all our other parents.

Many thanks for your help and support.

Kind regards,

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