

Key books for this half term:

Week 1:

Aliens Love Underpants

Week 2:

Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Week 3:

The Gruffalo

Week 4:

Stick Man

Week 5:

Jesus' Christmas Party

Week 6:

The Christmas Story

Week 7:

Mog's Christmas



PSHE

This half-term we will be learning about respecting ourselves and others.

We will learn about asking for permission in different situations such as asking to use a toy or give a friend a hug. We will then learn about knowing when another child is upset or angry and understanding why they may be feeling that way. We will continue to learn about the importance of saying please and thank you clearly and in different situations.

Throughout the nursery day we continually focus on all the children developing their personal, social and emotional development by reacting to learning opportunities as they arise.

Focus Nursery Rhymes

Week 1: 1,2,3,4,5 Once I caught a fish alive

Week 2: Five Little Ducks

Week 3: Hickory Dickory Dock

Week 4: Old McDonald

Week 5: Five Little Monkeys

Week 6: Christmas Nativity Songs

Week 7: Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

Literacy

We will continue our daily carpet sessions teaching the children how to be good listeners. Our focus for this half-term we be learning to name sounds, beginning to orally blend and spotting words that rhyme.

Handwriting

We will be developing our fine motor skills by developing the muscles in our hands and fingers, using one-handed equipment and tools such as scissors and paintbrushes. We will finish the half term by making hand responses to music.

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Maths

We have daily Maths Meetings where we sing, 'Days of the week'. Each day we will say what the day and date is. We will also talk about the weather.

During our maths lessons we be learning how to count objects accurately, practise counting each object once and only once. We will be learning how to know when groups have equal amounts of objects. We will be subitising to 3 and comparing groups of up to 3. We will learn that we have 5 fingers on one hand and begin to recognise numbers to 5.

We will also be learning about circles and triangles, learning to recognise them in the environment and describe how many sides and corners they have.

How to help:

- Practise counting forwards and backwards to 5.
- Practise counting objects.
- Find shapes in the environment and talk about how many sides and corners that they have.

Oracy

Physical: to begin to maintain eye contact with a familiar adult.

Linguistic: to speak in a short sentence consisting of 3 or 4 words.

Linguistic: to express their feelings using words as well as actions.

Social and Emotional: take turns in a conversation with a peer.

Storytime

Every day the children will enjoy storytime with their teacher. Listening to stories helps young children to build an extensive vocabulary as well as learn to love books and reading. Each week your child will bring home a book of their choice. Please spend time sharing this book as well as other books you have at home.

Scissor Skills

Exploring tools used for cutting, strengthen hand muscles, opening and closing scissors, developing grip control – cutting snips on paper.

Fine Motor Skills

Exploring hand and finger movements, building hand and finger strength, improving hand-eye coordination.

Geography – Seasonal Changes

Knowing the seasons summer, autumn and winter. Identifying some changes between seasons.

RE – What times are special and why?

Christmas and Diwali

Art – Painting

Exploring a range of tools, exploring colours, using a paintbrush, painting within lines.

Music - Singing

Joining in with songs and rhymes, adding actions to words.

Physical Development – Balancing

Staying still and holding a balance, balancing on different body parts, staying steady while moving, maintaining control when using equipment, balancing with a partner, combining balance and movement in a short sequence.

How to help at home:

Continue to read your child lots of books and stories. Making this part of their bedtime routine is a great way to end the day.

Explore different lights and sounds inside and outside. What sources of light and sound can you find? Can you change them?

UPCOMING EVENTS

Outdoor Learning:

Week Beginning: 10th November 2025

Week Beginning: 1st December 2025

Odd Socks Day: Monday 10th November 2024

Christmas Fair: Wednesday 26th November

Nursery Nativity Performance: Tuesday 9th December 2.20pm, Wednesday 10th December 2.20pm and Thursday 11th December 9.30am

Christmas Jumper Day: Thursday 11th December