Key books for this half term:

Week 1:
Aliens Love Underpants

Week 2:
Goldilocks and the Three Bears

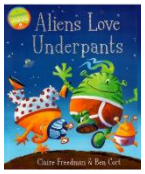
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The Gruffalo

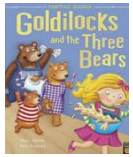
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Stick Man

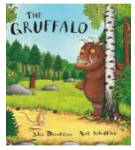
Week 5:
Jesus' Christmas Party

Week 6:
The Christmas Story

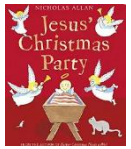
Week 7:
Mog's Christmas



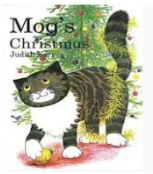












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Throughout the nursery day we continually focus on all the children developing their personal, social and emotional development by reacting to learning opportunities as they arise.

This half-term we will focus on naming emotions, naming the nursery values, choosing resources with adult support and playing with other children.

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 will be to copy repeated words and recite familiar rhymes. We will be spotting words that rhyme and begin to recognise the initial sound in words.

Writing

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 be encouraging the children to complete 'free drawing' and talk about the marks they have made.

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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

Know how to hold scissors safely and confidently, hold scissors with a thumb up grip and make snips in paper

Fine Motor Skills

Crossing the midline: activating both sides of the body together
Pincer grip: grasp medium-sized objects between thumb and index finger
Bilateral coordination: move with alternate feet without loosing balance
Hand-eye coordination: aiming, projecting and dropping objects onto a fixed target.
Hand and finger strength: maintain firm grip on an object
Wrist stability: hold an object flat against a vertical wall with wrist bent upwards.
Finger isolation: pressing the thumb firmly against a syrface without collapsing the arch

Geography – Seasonal Changes

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

Expressive arts and design

Exploring instruments, copying rhythms, moving to music, acting out familiar roles. Joining in with songs and rhymes, adding actions to words.

Physical Development

Running changing direction to avoid obstacles, kicking a large ball, standing on one leg, riding balance bikes and scooters.

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: Friday 13th November
Week Beginning: Friday 4th November
Odd Socks Day: Monday 16th November
Christmas Fair: Wednesday 25th November
Nursery Nativity Performance: Wednesday 9th December and Thursday 10th December