

*Each month we produce a curriculum information sheet. This will include details of our programme for the children for the month ahead. We will also keep you informed about some of the stories and rhymes we will be enjoying together.*

This month we will be exploring the following topics…

Making friends

We will be helping the children to get to know the names of their new friends in class. Ask them about their friends and, if they do not know their friend’s name, ask us! We will also be talking about being kind and helpful to our friends and what we can do together.



People who help us (at home and in school)

To facilitate a smooth transition from home to school, the girls and boys have been learning the names of the adults who work in the Nursery School and the jobs they do. It is very important that the children begin to build positive relationships with the adults in school as this will make them feel more secure, happy and willing to participate in the wide range of activities on offer. Starting school is a huge step and it really helps if the boys and girls can identify at least one adult with whom they feel safe and comfortable. We will also be learning about our families and our friends who help us at home.

You can help by talking to the children about their day in school and use the

‘Welcome to Nursery’ picture book to start a conversation about the people who work there. Don’t be alarmed if your child hasn’t got much to say about school when you collect him/her. The girls and boys may be very tired and unwilling to share. Very often they will give you snippets of their own accord later in the day/week!

School Routines

In school we aim to enable our pupils to become increasingly independent. Your child is already pouring their own drinks and clearing up after themselves at snack time. We have had lots of children try new foods at snack time also. Well done to those children!

Our colour theme for this month is

The primary colours RED, Yellow and Blue

Shape of the month: Circle

Nursery Rhymes

A golden rule for teaching young children is to start with what they know. For this reason, using nursery rhymes as a basis for teaching ideas is very effective. Children love the rhythm, rhyme and repetition of nursery poems and songs and they enable us to help our children to develop the whole range of speech and language skills they will need to become excellent learners and communicators.

This month, as we encourage your children to settle happily and with increasing confidence at school each day, we will be starting with some of the most familiar rhymes and songs…

* Humpty Dumpty
* Incy Wincy Spider
* Jack and Jill
* Baa Baa Black Sheep
* Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
* Hickory Dickory Dock
* Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes
* If You’re Happy and You Know It
* The Wheels on the Bus

These are but a selection of the rhymes and songs we will be saying and singing. Your children will really enjoy sharing these with you each day when they come home from school.

Prayers

Already the children are learning to bless themselves and say our ‘Grace Before Meals’ prayer. We ask you to help your child at home to bless themselves. Start by showing them what hand to start the prayer with.

Facebook

If you have not already done so, can you please scan the QR code sent home to join the closed Facebook group? If you are unsure or don’t want to join, please let me know as you may miss out on important information regarding the nursery.

**Independence**

Already we have seen a huge improvement putting on own shoes and coats. Continue to work with your child at home with this. I know it is sometimes easier to do it for them but please persevere, the children will be able to do it unassisted very quickly. Practice makes perfect!