

# Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term

Welcome to Nursery!

This is our termly Nursery Curriculum Newsletter. Here you can find more information about Nursery and keep up to date with what we will be learning each term.

## Meet the team



Mrs Blundell  
Teacher



Mrs Hetherington  
Teacher



Mrs Morris  
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Parry  
Teaching Assistant



Miss Chillman  
Teaching Assistant



Miss Ishaq  
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Murphy  
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Hawkins  
Teaching Assistant

Mrs Hetherington leads the team on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Mrs Blundell leads the team on Thursdays and Fridays. We all absolutely love working in Early Years, supporting the children as they begin their exciting learning journey with us.

We have a super term planned with lots of wonderful activities and some lovely topics eg All About me, Our Families, Feelings and Looking After Me - here we will learn about teeth brushing, bedtime routines and healthy eating. Other topics include Diwali, Autumn, Woodland Animals, Day and Night and Christmas.

We also have some dates in our diary of things to look forward to eg Careers Day, World Book Day, Faith and Culture Day, Fernwood Festival, Wellbeing Day, History Day and many more!

We use the app ClassDojo to support our home-school communication and will update you with weekly posts and photos of some of the things we have been learning in Nursery.

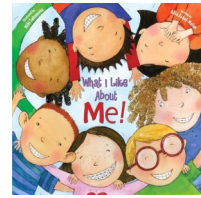
Please feel free to speak to any of us on the door in the morning or after school if you have any questions or concerns, or alternatively telephone school for a more private conversation.

We hope you and your child are very happy at Fernwood Nursery and we are very much looking forward to getting to know everyone over the coming year.

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## Reminders

- Please send your child with a freshly filled water bottle everyday.
- Make sure your child always has their coat as we go outside in all weathers.
- In case of accidents please send in a named spare set of clothes.
- Label all clothing with first and second name.



## Literacy

Each week we have a different book which forms the basis for our literacy focus sessions. We practise listening to the story and saying what is happening by looking at the pictures. We talk about the characters and discuss which is our favourite part of the story. We also look at key words from the text and encourage the children to contribute to a shared sentence. In phonics we will sing lots of nursery rhymes, discuss rhyming words and make different sounds using our bodies, voice and instruments.

## Mathematics

This term the children will join in with number rhymes and songs, recite numbers in order to 10 and count backwards from 5. We will represent numbers using objects and fingers, begin to match numerals to quantity correctly and practise careful counting of objects using 1:1 correspondence. We will also compare groups of objects. We will use positional language eg in front, behind, next to, to describe where an object is, begin to talk about the shapes of everyday objects and explore repeated patterns.

## Personal, Social, Emotional Development

This term we will support the children settling into Nursery. We will encourage them to get to know each other and make friends through playing alongside as well as joining in circle time friendships and name games. There will be a focus on taking turns, sharing and following Nursery rules and routines. We will talk about bedtime routines, understand the need for a healthy diet and learn the importance of teeth brushing. We will also talk about our emotions and begin to understand some of the different feelings we have.



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## Physical Development

This term the children will practise moving their bodies in a variety of different ways, negotiating the space around them and adjusting their speed. They will also develop the skills of rolling, kicking, throwing and catching with balls, beanbags and other equipment.

## Expressive Arts and Design

This term we will support the children in exploring the different media and materials we have available in Nursery and use them to express themselves. We will model how to use a variety of tools and equipment. The children will have opportunities to print with their hands, create a collage, experiment with colour to make patterns, explore transient art using objects found on our Autumn walk and create a selection of Christmas decorations.

## Communication and Language

Language development is a prime area in Nursery. We work on developing speaking and listening skills through high quality interactions, modelling, imaginative play, drama and re-telling stories. We offer a language rich environment, supporting the children in developing their confidence to speak and express their thoughts and opinions.

## Understanding of the World

We encourage the children to be curious about the world around them through first hand experiences, asking questions and developing their investigative skills. This term we will explore ourselves and what makes us special, our families and our community. We have a whole school Careers Week where we learn about some of the different jobs people in our community do and we also have a whole school History Day. We will learn about the season of Autumn and notice the changes in our environment. We will find out about woodland animals and their habitats and learn about the festivals Diwali and Christmas.

**PE Day**

**Tuesday**