



Early Years Newsletter

Autumn 2nd Half Term 2023

Area of Development	This half term our topic is <u>'Ourselves'</u>
Communication, Language, Reading and Writing	<p>The children in Early Years will be taking part in lots of speaking and listening, reading, and writing activities associated with the topic 'Ourselves'. Themes will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonfire night & Guy Fawkes • Remembrance • Diwali • Avocado Baby • The Lion inside • Oliver's Vegetables • Me & my amazing body • All kinds of beliefs • Road Safety • Christmas <p>We will continue with daily phonic activities and concentrate on speaking and listening skills through a variety of games and activities. The children will take part in lots of mark making activities associated with our topic. Please remember to share any mark making, drawings or writing your child does at home by popping a photo on to Tapestry. We'd love to see what they have been getting busy with at home.</p>
Mathematics	<p>The children will take part in lots of number activities involving number recognition, ordering numbers, counting activities, problem solving and shape and space activities. Children will also use everyday language to talk about size, weight, capacity, positions distance, time, and money to compare quantities and objects and to solve problems. We also enjoy meeting the various characters from 10 Town, listening to their story and song and playing lots of interactive games on the whiteboard.</p>
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	<p>We continuously encourage the children to develop independence and key skills to help them throughout the rest of their school journey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forming friendships with children • Sharing toys • Taking turns • Manners (saying please and thank you) • Managing feelings and behaviour • Listening to children and adults • Developing confidence when talking in front of others • Self-confidence and self-awareness • Developing resilience • Washing hands • Using the toilet with increasing independence • Getting dressed and undressed independently
Understanding the World	<p>During our topics, the children will learn about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remembrance • How to stay safe around Bonfires and fireworks • Diwali – festival of light • What a healthy diet consists of • Road safety • Discovering different faiths • Know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things. • Make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur and talk about changes. • Completing ICT programmes • Programming floor robots • Using cameras and iPads • Children understanding that a range of technology is used in places such as homes and schools.

Expressive Arts and Design	The children will continue to learn a new rhyme each week, can your child tell you any they have learnt last half term? We will practise our Christmas songs and have the opportunity to compose pieces of music with instruments related to our topics, be imaginative, play cooperatively to develop and act out narratives. Paints, felt tips, crayons, and other mark making materials and art equipment will be available every day for the children to use.
Physical Development	<p>The children will use the following pieces of equipment to develop their fine motor and gross motor skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play dough and other malleable materials • Baking • Scissors and glue • Mark making materials • Play various playground games. • Climbing Frame and tunnels. • Scooters and bikes • Obstacle courses • Bats and balls • Hoops and beanbags • Wooden and plastic blocks <p>They will also learn about self-care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washing their hands regularly and how germs are spread • Learn to use tissues- catch it, kill it, bin it • Using the toilet with increasing independence • Getting dressed and undressed independently

Outdoor Play

As the weather begins to get colder, we would like to remind parents/carers to ensure children bring appropriate clothing to school for outdoor play. Coats, hats, and gloves should all have names in them. It is a good idea to send a spare set of clothes in for your child in case they get wet or dirty.

We do have some spare clothes, but our supply is extremely low! If you have any old clothes which your child has grown out of, we would be very grateful for trousers, tops, wellies, pants, or socks. Thank you!

Home Learning & Tapestry

All home learning will be sent out via email on a Friday. Please submit all home learning via the Tapestry app by the following Thursday at the very latest. If you have trouble accessing Tapestry, please speak to a member of staff. It's important that all parents have access to this wonderful app.

Water bottles

Please provide a bottle with plain tap water for your child to access whenever needed throughout their nursery session.

School uniform

Please ensure your child wears the correct uniform which is clearly labelled with your child's name. Children must wear a clip on tie, a shirt with pointed collars, a school jumper or cardigan with the logo on, grey trousers/skirt/pinafore and plain black school shoes.

Toys, scooters & bikes

Toys and teddies must not be brought into school. Please can we also remind you that in the interests of safety, if your child comes to school on a bicycle, scooter, or any other child's vehicle they must dismount the item when they arrive at the gate and lock it in the cycle store (located on the main school playground). Please be aware that the main school gates will be locked and won't re-open until 3:25pm. Alternatively, scooters and bikes can be handed to the parent/carer to take home for safe keeping. Unfortunately, we are unable to store scooters and bikes in our nursery playground for safety reasons. Thank you.

Early Years Fund

Thank you for your weekly 50p donations. They really do make a difference! We are continuing to ask Early Years parents for a contribution of 50p per week. There is an envelope on the Nursery classroom door and a class list. Please tick your child's name off when you have donated the 50p.

Bags of Support

We have resource bags available in Early Years to help support families at home. These are for: bereavement, divorce/separation, potty training, new baby, sleep routines, healthy eating, fine motor skills development, staying in hospital and behaviour. Please speak to a member of staff if you would like more information.

Calendar dates for the Autumn Term

Monday 6 th November 2023	School opens for Autumn Term 2
Wednesday 8 th November 2023	Individual Pupil Photos
Sunday 12 th November 2023	Remembrance Day Service in Yarm
WB Monday 13 th November 2023	Book Fair

Friday 17 th November 2023	Charity Day: Children In Need & Diabetes
WB Monday 20 th November 2023	Road Safety Week & Blue for Jackson
Monday 20 th November	Reception & PM Nursery Church visit
Thursday 23 rd November	AM Nursery Church visit
Tuesday 5 th December	Reception & BOW/AM Arc trip
Thursday 7 th December	EOW/PM Arc Trip
Friday 8 th December 2023	PM Nursery and Reception Christmas Party
Tuesday 12 th December 2023	Reception and AM Nursery Christmas Performance
Wednesday 13 th December 2023	AM Nursery Christmas Party
Friday 15 th December 2023	Reception and PM Nursery Christmas Performance
Friday 15 th December 2023	Santa Run
Tuesday 19 th December 2023	3.30pm, School closes for Christmas Holiday

Should you have any questions or concerns about the details above, or any other matters, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Here's hoping for an exciting and productive term!

Early Years Team