



Curriculum Information - Nursery

Autumn 2- 3rd November – 19th December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are so impressed with how well the children have settled into nursery this past half term. Now they are familiar with the nursery routine and have been making new friends, we now look forward to the exciting things planned ahead.

Please ensure children arrive promptly at 8.40. Morning only children will be dismissed at the playground gate at 12pm and children staying all day will be dismissed at 3.15 at the rainbow gate. Parents must wait on the left hand side of the gate. Please notify the office before the end of the school day if somebody different will be picking your child up.

Communication and Language	We will be sharing a range of stories and joining in with repeated refrains. Our focus for stories this half term is rhyming books and books with links to maths. If you have rhyming books at home we would like you to be sharing these books with your child and encouraging them to join in with the rhyming words. We will be having regular circle times where we share our weekend news, when we will be sharing our Christmas traditions and plans.
Physical Development	<p>In their Wednesday PE lessons, the children will be focussing on fundamental skills. The children will be learning how to move and control their bodies in different ways. This involves balancing, jumping, hopping and climbing. These activities will also give them opportunities to problem solve, persevere and develop their independence.</p> <p>We will have a focus on cutting out a variety of simple shapes and along lines. The children will continue to practise holding scissors effectively and cutting with precision. In busy fingers they will continue to practise fine motor skills by threading, using tweezers, chopsticks, hole punches and colouring pictures and patterns.</p> <p>Now the children are getting the hang of putting their shoes and coats on by themselves they will now be supported to zip up their coats.</p>

Personal, Social and Emotional Development	<p>This term we will be rehearsing our Christmas Nativity so the children will be learning to sing the songs with actions and project their voices in front of an audience.</p> <p>Through circle times and within their child initiated learning time concepts such as sharing, turn taking and being a good friend are constantly revisited. Whether that is topic discussions such as ‘what makes a good friend?’ or lots of modelling and praising when they are seen to be demonstrating our school values with others in their play.</p>
Literacy	<p>Our Literacy focus is on rhyming books and books with maths links. First we will be reading and exploring the book Shark in the Park. There will be a variety of rhyming books, songs and activities the children will be part of daily.</p> <p>During phonics we will start introducing a phoneme of the week and the children will take part in lots of blending games. We have already taught s, a, t and p, so ask your child if they remember these sounds and play a game trying to find objects with these initial sounds around your home.</p> <p>Use the link for more information on what we will be covering this year in phonics and watch the videos on how to pronounce each sound correctly- this is very important! For parents Letters and Sounds</p>
Mathematics	<p>This term the children will develop fast recognition of up to 3 objects, without having to count them individually (‘subitising’). They will begin to say numbers in order to 5, some of which are in the right order (ordinality) and count these on their fingers.</p> <p>We will also cover patterns, learn language related to size and weight and compare quantities.</p>
RE	<p>In RE the children will be learning about advent and the Birth of Jesus. They will be thinking about why Jesus came to earth and how they can show love and kindness to others at this time of year. They will also be learning the Nativity story which they will perform to families later in the term.</p>
Understanding of the world	<p>The children will learn about key events such as Bonfire Night, Anti-bullying Week and Remembrance Day. They will also explore Christmas traditions from around the world.</p> <p>In Forest School we will make conker rockets, obstacle courses and look for</p>

	signs of winter.
Expressive Arts and Design	<p>We will use a range of resources to collage poppies for Remembrance Day. We will design and make rockets for Bonfire Night and create our own Christmas Cards.</p> <p>Through our Nativity rehearsals the children will learn a range of new songs and dances and learn to do this while keeping in time to the music.</p>

Key information:

P.E. and outdoor learning will be on **Wednesdays** so please ensure they come to school wearing their PE kits.

Our library visit will be on a **Thursday**, the children can change their library books if they have returned their previous book.

Please ensure your child brings a jumper or cardigan and that they have a suitable coat as the weather will start to get colder as the term goes on. They must also have a **named** change of clothes to keep on their peg.

Please also ensure your child brings to school a **named** water bottle each day. Please only water, NO JUICE.

PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL.

Continue to check the school newsletter, website and Facebook page for important dates and information.

Should you have any questions or anything you wish to discuss please email nursery@hollyfamily.hert.sch.uk or phone the school to make a telephone appointment.

Thank you for your support

Miss Tinsley and Mrs Lovell

Nursery Teachers