



NURSERY CURRICULUM PLAN

Autumn Term 2025

This term Nursery children will be learning about:-

	AUTUMN 1 – Transitions and New Beginnings	AUTUMN 2 – Celebrations!
Communication & Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Settling in - learning about our Nursery, making friends • Expectations and routines • Learning and singing nursery rhymes • Phonics Phase 1- Little Wandle Foundation for Phonics (listening games, rhymes, songs, stories, playing with sounds, musical instruments) • Daily story and sharing books throughout the session (ongoing throughout year) • Talk about families, backgrounds and personal experiences • Visuals to support language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning and singing nursery rhymes • Little Wandle Foundations for phonics • Circle time speaking activities • Singing • Visuals to support language • Visual timetable
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Settling/Transitions • Choosing what to do at Nursery • Making new friends • Learning how to share • Developing independence • Talking about emotions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talking about differences • Who is in your family? • Remembering special times • Getting to know your friends at Nursery
Physical Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiddly fingers (fine motor daily) • Using bikes and wheeled vehicles (gross motor) • Drawing and painting (large and small surfaces) • Climbing and moving in different ways • Self-care- washing hands, healthy eating, snack and toileting • Large muscle movements: flags, streamers, ribbons, big paint! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiddly fingers (fine motor daily) • Dressing up clothes • Climbing equipment • Gross motor activities • Self-care: toileting and snack • Ball skills • Messy play mark-making
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texts: 'Hello Friend' and 'The Little Red Hen' 'Owl Babies.' • Variety of books shared on daily basis • Exploring non-fiction books • Variety of mark-making opportunities • Name writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texts: 'Handa's Surprise' and 'Happy Birthday Maisie.' • Variety of mark-making opportunities e.g., birthday cards • Name writing



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Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number rhymes • Colours • Matching • Sorting (colour, size, shape) • How old am I? • Counting objects 1-3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advent calendar • Shape • Numbers 1-3 (counting, subitizing, recognising the numeral) • Patterns (ABAB) • Subitising to 3 or 6 as appropriate
Understanding the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring our Nursery Garden! • Birds/trees • Autumn • Talking about the weather • Families and homes • Harvest • Diwali (20th Oct) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start Woodlands visits (weekly) • Woodland animals • Our World! • Exploring special festivals • Fireworks! • Families and homes
Expressive Arts and Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixing things together- Different ways of joining materials • Introduction to creative areas • How to use powder paint • How to tidy up • Imaginative play- role play • Exploring musical instruments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to construction and loose parts area • Learn a variety of songs • Imaginative play • Textures • Colour
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harvest Festival • Diwali 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remembrance Day • Anti Bullying Week