



NURSERY CURRICULUM PLAN

Autumn Term 2026

This term the Nursery children will be learning about:-

	AUTUMN 1 – Transitions and New Beginnings	AUTUMN 2 – Celebrations!
Communication & Language	- 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	- 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	- Settling/Transitions - Choosing what to do at Nursery - Making new friends - Learning how to share - Developing independence - Talking about emotions	- Talking about differences • - Remembering special times - Getting to know your friends at Nursery - Who is in your family?
Physical Development	- 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!	- 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	• 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	• Texts: 'Handa's Surprise' and 'Happy Birthday Maisie.' • Variety of mark-making opportunities e.g., birthday cards • Name writing
Mathematics	• Number rhymes • Colours • Matching • Sorting (colour, size, shape) How old am I? Counting objects 1-3	• Advent calendar • Shape Numbers 1-3 (counting, subitizing, recognising the numeral) • Patterns (ABAB) Subitising to 3 or 6 as appropriate
Understanding the World	• Exploring our Nursery Garden! • Birds/trees Autumn Talking about the weather Families and homes • Harvest	• Start Woodlands visits (weekly) • Woodland animals Our World! • Exploring special festivals Fireworks! Using the interactive whiteboard to draw a picture! Families and homes Diwali (Nov 8th)
Expressive Arts and Design	• 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	• Introduction to construction and loose parts area • Learn a variety of songs • Imaginative play • Textures • Colour