

Nursery Parent/Carer Information

Autumn Term 1 2023

Settling in, Nursery Rhymes & Families



What we are learning this half term...

We will focus our learning around settling in, ourselves and our specific topic "*Families*". Our question is 'Who lives in my house?' and we will be having lots of discussions about who is special to us and how our families are the 'same' or 'different' from others. We will also be singing lots of familiar nursery rhymes and learning new rhymes too (hopefully your child has already been serenading you to and from Nursery).

We will send home a copy of our rhyme booklet so you can practise these at home too!

Emotions

Extend your child's language by encouraging him/her to think e.g. *What makes you feel happy/sad/scared?* etc.

Make faces to show this emotion.



We will also be thinking about what makes us happy and how to make friends while settling into Nursery.



Core Story

Core stories are books we will focus on in depth each half term. We will send the story home for you to share with your child. Please return it the next day to ensure every child gets a chance to read it at home.



Maths

Children will use maths every day to help solve problems and understand the world around them. In Nursery, we aim to help the children recognise, create and describe patterns, which is essential for early problem-solving skills. In autumn 1 we will be focusing on counting out loud, saying 1 number for 1 item and singing lots of counting songs!



Reading

Sharing books with your child is so important & in Nursery we spend a great deal of time looking at books. Every half term we will be sending core books for the children to share at home. Can they talk about what is happening in the pictures and guess what might happen next? Point to the words as you read them and emphasise reading from left to right.

Each half term we will have a stay and read session, where you are invited to stay and read in class for 15 minutes at the start of a session. The session days will change each term, so hopefully everyone can attend.

Stay and Read Autumn 1 - **Mondays 8.30-8.45 (12.30-12.45 PM children)**

Nursery Teddies

At Low Ash Nursery we have two very special teddy friends. Each Friday throughout the year we will choose two children to take one of these teddies home for the weekend. When they come back to Nursery, they will share what they have been up to with their friends. This year we have Tabatha Tiger and Lenny Lion.

They are looking forward to spending time with you!

Autumn

Autumn is fast approaching. Enjoy being outside with your child and encourage them to look for leaves, conkers, acorns and any other natural objects. We will have a 'treasures table' if you want to show your friends what you found!



Baking

Each half term the children get the opportunity to bake with Miss Jones. We are starting off with making smartie cookies ...



yum yum!!

Library The children visit the school library every **Friday**. Your child will bring a library book home for you to



share and enjoy together.

Please ensure this book is kept in your child's book bag, so your child can choose another library book to take home the following week.

Food Preparation & Snack

Snack is an important part of the Early Years curriculum and in our experience all children benefit from this activity. It can be preparing food, baking, looking at changes in food, talking about what they like/dislike or just simply helping children's confidence to try new food alongside their friends. We ask for a voluntary contribution of **50p each week (Full time) or 25p each week (AM/PM only) or £3.50/£1.75 for this half term**, for which we will send out a named envelope.



We will also use these contributions towards play dough ingredients, baking ingredients or other consumables in class. Any queries please see a member of the Nursery team.

Termly Challenge- This term's challenge is to... 'Put on my coat independently' When in Nursery...challenge your child to find their peg and hang up their coat by themselves!

Clothing

Although we have waterproof suits and aprons for the children to wear to protect their uniform, sometimes they do still get wet and dirty. We do strive to keep them as clean as possible and do encourage the children to independently put aprons on.

Please make sure you **NAME ALL** clothing and shoes! If you think you may still have the odd 'accident', please ensure they have a spare set of clothes in a pump bag, which can stay on their peg.

A message from the Nursery Team... We look forward to helping your child settle and getting to know you all a bit better! The first few weeks focuses on learning lots of new routines. Please just ask if you are unsure of anything! Thank you for your support,

Mrs.Rendell, Miss.Gray, Miss. Jones and Miss. Booker and Mrs.Towriss 😊