

Nursery Curriculum Overview – Autumn Term 2026



The Big Question

Autumn 1 Magical Me

Who am I?

Autumn 2 People Who Help Us

Who can help me?

Curriculum Enrichment: Roald Dahl Day – 11th September Recycle Week – 14th September Black History Month – October (IL, MR, T, D) World Mental Health Day – 9th October (IL, T, MR) Remembrance Week – 9th November (IL, T, RL) Anti-Bullying Week – 16th November (RL, IL, MR, T, D) Road Safety Week – 16th November	Fabulous Finish To finish Autumn 1 Term in a fantastic way, we will be inviting parents in to see Nursery's Got Talent! The children will showcase some of the nursery rhymes they have been learning throughout the term. At the end of Autumn 2 Term, we will also be inviting you in for a fun Christmas Craft Parent Session, where you can enjoy creating some festive crafts together with your child.
British Values and Citizenship: The Rule of Law (RL) will be promoted through s and class rules. Individual Liberty (IL), Mutual Respect (MR) and Tolerance (T) will be promoted through the curriculum. Children are encouraged to vote to make choices, promoting a sense of Democracy (D).	Dates for your diary: Stay and play sessions- Date to follow Autumn focus day – Date to follow Reading Inspire workshop – Week beginning 19th October School Photographer- 18th November Nursery Parents/Carers Meeting – 9th December Bath, Book, Bed session – date to follow Nursery Christmas Workshop – date the follow
Parental Engagement: We would love for you to participate in your child's learning by sharing any WOW moments through the Class Dojo app. Please speak to Nursery Staff if you need any support.	Home Learning: Please support your child with putting their coats on and off and using zips. Also using the toilet and washing and drying their hands. Math's and Rhyme Time Homework will be sent out weekly. Our homework menu will be sent out soon for your child to choose their learning. Please use the class dojo app to record this.
Key Texts: Focus Author- Janet and Allan Ahlberg Funny Bones Each Peach Pear Plum Peepo! Starting School! The Jolly Postman The Jolly Christmas Postman	Key Rhymes: 1,2,3,4,5, Once I caught a Fish alive A Sailor went to Sea Baa, Baa, Black Sheep Down at the Station Hey, Diddle, Diddle Hickory, Dickory Dock Humpty Dumpty

Term Quick View		
Communication and Language 	Children will be encouraged to communicate with familiar adults through conversations and extending sentences when necessary. Children will be taught a new word each week and will take part in a range of activities to develop language skills.	
Physical Development 	Children will develop a range of gross motor skills – crawling, climbing and using a bike safely. Children will develop their core strength through a range of exercises and will be encouraged to make moves and copy moves to music.	Children will have the opportunity to develop their fine motor skills by pouring using large containers, threading, picking up small objects and manipulating play dough in different ways.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development 	Children will be encouraged to manage their toileting needs with support when necessary.	Children are encouraged to build relationships with adults/peers, work as a team to follow rules and tidy up.
Literacy 	Children will enjoy a daily story with their peers. They will talk about the stories and name some of the characters. Children will also take part in daily Rhyme Time sessions, learning different nursery rhymes, rhyming words and alliteration. They will explore different tools to make marks, learn how different movements create different marks, and practise tracing simple lines, shapes and patterns.	
Mathematics 	Children will be reciting numbers to three daily and will be encouraged to join in with number songs and rhymes. Children will be encouraged to explore numbers in the environment, through mark making and comparing amounts. They will also explore giving one or two amounts by counting, sort and explore colours, shapes and patterns	
Understanding the World 	Children will learn names of body parts and build their understanding of features such as hair and eye colour. Similarities and differences will be identified amongst their peers. They will also learn about the season Autumn, by looking at what changes occur.	
Expressive Arts and Design 	Children will be joining in with Nursery Rhymes and exploring the different sounds made by a range of musical instruments. They will also be learning how to draw a simple person, thinking carefully about the different parts of the body. They will also be exploring the primary colours red, yellow and blue and using these colours to create their own paintings inspired by Piet Mondrian.	