

# Welcome to Nursery



## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Throughout the term, we'll continue to support children in building positive relationships, developing confidence in new social situations, and learning how to manage conflict. We'll explore our own emotions and those of others—especially through the experiences of storybook characters. We'll also focus on making healthy choices around food and drink, staying active, and learning good toothbrushing habits.

## Mathematics

This term, we'll be exploring early maths skills through fun, hands-on activities. We'll look at counting, size, and shape by comparing the lengths of our caterpillars, exploring patterns through printing, and counting the spots on ladybirds. As we build on these skills, we'll begin matching numbers to quantities and explore concepts like time, size, and weight through play-based learning.



## Understanding the World

This term, our topic is *Into the Garden*. We'll be searching for minibeasts in the sensory garden, planting fruits and vegetables, and learning all about growth and change. We'll even have our own caterpillars to care for and observe as they grow and transform!



## Expressive Arts and Design

In Nursery, we'll have lots of fun with imaginative play in our outdoor role play area and small world area. As we dive into different stories, we'll get creative with drawing, printing, sticking, and junk modelling. We'll also be learning new songs and expressing ourselves through dance and movement!



A big "HELLO" to all our new Nursery starters and a big "WELCOME BACK" to all of our existing friends!



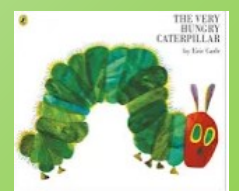
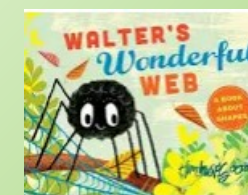
This term we will be heading 'into the garden' exploring stories featuring mini beasts such as *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *The Very Lazy Ladybird*. We will be exploring forest school, going on mini beast hunts and watching our own caterpillars grow and change.

## Physical Development

We'll be having lots of fun learning about space and movement, trying out different techniques and beginning to take safe risks in our play. We'll also be building independence through self-care routines, learning about safety, and discovering ways to help others. Each day, we'll complete finger gym activities to strengthen our fine motor skills and support early writing development.

## Communication, Language and Literacy

This term, we will continue to nurture a love of books by developing listening skills that help children sit and enjoy stories. We'll read and talk about a variety of texts, including *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *Walter's Web*, and *The Lazy Ladybird*. Listening to stories and reading books helps spark imagination and expand vocabulary!





# Things to take note of...

## Staffing In Nursery

Mrs Evans—Nursery Manager

Mrs Markham-Randall,  
Mrs Devi and Miss Dhir— teaching assistants

## Connecting with the Team



Messages and notices from staff are sent through Marvellous Me. Please speak to a class teacher if you need support with signing up.

It's a great way for us to celebrate those all important moments in Nursery as well as send vital messages of term dates and reminders.

## Parent Partnership

We will continue to celebrate children's achievements both at home and at school. We love hearing what makes you proud of your child and look forward to sharing in those special moments together.



## The Essentials

We want to make sure your child has everything they need for a happy and comfortable day at school. Below is a list of essential items we encourage parents to pack in their child's bag each day:

- A named water bottle - to support independence and hydration
- A full change of clothes - useful for toilet training and messy play like water or outdoor activities
- Nappies and wipes - if your child is not yet toilet trained
- Weather-appropriate clothing - such as a sun hat and sun cream for sunny days

Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name to avoid

## Useful Websites

Great phonics ideas—<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

Great ideas to help your child at home - <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/>

Fun interactive games — <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>  
[www.seesaw.com](https://www.seesaw.com)—online learning and sharing work  
the app.



If your child is ready to begin toilet training and is currently wearing pull-ups or nappies, please speak to a member of staff. We're here to support you and your child every step of the way.



## Notices and Dates for your Diary

5th May—Bank holiday

26th May-30th May—half term

28th June—St Jude's Carnival

4th July— INSET day (school closed)

14th July— Parent meetings

