



# Nursery Newsletter Autumn 1



We hope you've had lots of fun times with your family over the summer and that you've been able to enjoy some sunshine. It's lovely to welcome you back to a new school year and the beginning of the Autumn term. As many of our children have left to start Reception we will be starting the year off as a smaller class however these numbers will gradually increase as we are already beginning to settle and welcome new children.

## Staffing

We are delighted to welcome a new member of staff, Ms Rayner to our Early Years team this year. She joins us with a wealth of experience gained from working in a private nursery setting and brings a wide range of new ideas, skills, and expertise that will further enhance the learning experiences we provide for our children.

We are also pleased to welcome Miss Mason, who will be joining Early Years as a SKITT trainee teacher within Early Years over the next 12 months. During this time, she will work closely alongside our experienced staff, developing teaching skills and building valuable classroom experience. The children will benefit from her enthusiasm and fresh perspective, while she gains practical experience in a nurturing and supportive environment.

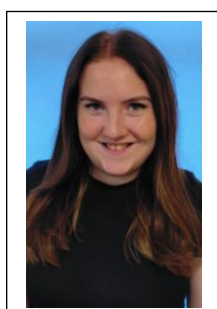
We are excited about the positive contribution Ms Rayner and Miss Mason will make to our team and are looking forward to seeing the children benefit from their enthusiasm, and passion for early childhood education.



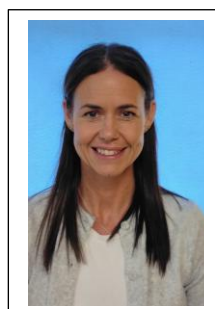
Mrs Pritchatt



Mrs Whiteley



Miss Ella



Ms Rayner



Miss Mason

## Our learning

We will be spending this half term establishing our nursery routines and thinking about how we need to take care of our resources and the early years environment. We will be looking at ways in which the children can develop their independence particularly when dressing and using the bathroom. Families could also help with this by encouraging children to put toys away at home when they have finished playing with them and encouraging them to put on their own shoes. When children come into nursery they will be expected to put on their own pumps and take off and hang up their own coats. They will be given a little

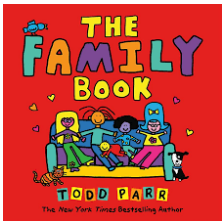
support in the first few weeks. When buying shoes and clothes please consider how easy they will be for your child to put on when you are not there. Velcro shoes are far easier to put on than laced shoes. Staff will spend lots of time working with children on self-chosen activities and following their interests in order to establish strong relationships and to support them in developing their communication and language skills. You will be able to see some of the things that your child has been learning by looking at their online journal on Tapestry or in their profile books which are kept in the cloakroom area (please feel free to take a look through them).



This half term we will be focussing on some simple books such as Brown Bear, Brown Bear by Eric Carle which support our maths focus of colour and matching. These books will also develop the children's sense of rhythm within stories. The children will also be learning simple poems and nursery rhymes which are very important pre-reading skills.



We will be observing the seasonal changes around us as the Summer slowly turns into Autumn. We will be particularly thinking about the leaves on the trees and discussing how they are changing as well as harvesting some of the apples and pears from the trees around school.



Lots of time will also be spent getting to know each other, talking about our families and where we live in order to develop a strong sense of belonging. We would like to ask you to bring in a photo of your child's family for a little class book that we are planning to make, as well as using this for our birthday display. We will also be looking at the Family Book by Todd Parr which introduces the children to a diverse range of family settings.



It would be lovely to see the adventures that you have been up to over the summer holidays via Tapestry. Please feel free if you haven't already done so, to post some pictures of your holiday - we would love to see them! For the children who are starting this term, your child will be added to Tapestry as they start and you should receive an activation email to which you need to respond before it expires. If you have not received an email or are having difficulties accessing your child's profile please let us know.



- **Tuesday**– School photos
- **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** – School closed for half term