Nursery – Autumn 2 - 2026-2027

Our topic this half term is 'Changing Colours'

Have a look at our exciting, fun learning!

All learning will encompass 'talk' to support the development of listening and attention, new vocabulary and speaking confidence.

Our Trending Topic Words – magic beans, beanstalk, giant, hen, golden egg, garden, seeds, turnip, watered, enormous, hungry, poured, barked, stream, delicious

Communication and Language

Children will enjoy listening to longer stories and will be supported to recall and talk about characters, feelings and events.

They will begin to join in with singing sessions including familiar songs and rhymes.

In their talking teams, children will be supported to develop their confidence in expressing their thoughts and ideas.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Children will be taught to follow the nursery 'Fab Five' rules. They will be taught to consider their own feelings and the feelings of others.

Adults will model the independent selection of resources and will model 'choose it, use it and put it away.'

Children will be presented with opportunities to interact with familiar and unfamiliar adults and friends.

Physical Development

Children will engage in learning opportunities to develop their large lower body movements- climbing, balancing, riding, running, walking, hopping, jumping and crawling and match these accordingly to the task.

Children will experience using one-handed tools and equipment for example scissors, sticks to carve and brushes to support the development of their fine motor control.

Literacy

Word reading and Comprehension – Reading will be based around our new topic 'Changing colours.'

In phonics, children will be supported to copy simple rhythmic patterns with our action songs and rhythm games. To join in with familiar rhymes and recognise rhyming words in our rhyming story and songs. To maintain a steady beat (like clapping and drumming activities). To hear words beginning with the same sound and to sort objects by initial sound (like Silly Soup)

Children will explore a range of texts from fiction, non-fiction and poetry. They will take part in daily story time and will be encouraged to repeat chants and complete repetitive endings.

Writing - Our writing will begin with engaging, hands-on experiences where children will explore the changing colours in their immediate world through investigation, play and discovery. Later in the term, children and their families will join a special Family WOW Day to celebrate and explore changing colours together.

Mathematics

Children will continue to explore and investigate number and number patterns in fun and exciting ways.

They will:

- Matching numerals to quantities.
- Exploring the composition of 4.
- Comparing groups using more, fewer and same.
- Creating and extending repeating patterns independently.

Understanding the World

Children will be encouraged to explore their immediate world, engaging in conversation about how and why colours change through hands-on experiences, investigation and play.

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They will also be encouraged to explore their natural world, talk about their observations, make predictions and notice changes in the world around them.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will learn to experiment with a range of tools and materials. They will be encouraged to express themselves freely and creatively using natural and man-made materials.

Children will have fun role-playing stories, rhymes and everyday experiences and will be encouraged to describe their creations and actions.

Children will learn to express themselves through music, songs and rhymes.

• Applying counting and pattern knowledge through practical problem-solving.			Children will develop their gross and fine motor skills through a range of writing activities, including sensory mark making and structured tool play using materials such as foam, playdough and large writing tools.
Topic – Changing Colours As part of a broad and balanced curriculum, pupils will learn key knowledge and skills through their new topic, Changing Colours. Children and their families will take part in an exciting Family WOW Day at nursery, exploring colours through fun, hands-on activities such as colour mixing, art, construction and sensory play. Together, they will investigate how colours change, create colourful artwork and enjoy shared stories and experiences, providing a memorable start to a topic full of curiosity, creativity and discovery.			

How you can help me at home

- Please enjoy a book with me every day.
- Take me to the library so that I can choose books to talk about. These may be linked to my topic.
- Ask me what learning I did at nursery today so I can describe and explain.
- Help me find pictures and objects to make and create things at home.
- Listen to and join in when I sing my nursery songs so that I can learn them really well.
- Talk about what it means to be a good learner and a good friend.
- Let me help you when we go shopping by writing a shopping list through mark making and counting items to put in our trolley or basket.
- Help me recognise my name.
- Talk about and describe the changes in weather to help me learn about different seasons.
- Read me a bedtime story.