

Welcome to Nursery!

What a wonderful start Nursery Class have made to their school career! Our youngest children have been very busy over the past few days exploring their classroom and outdoor area and getting to know each other. It's been such a pleasure to get to know your fantastic children. It's going to be the most fantastic year and Miss Doolan, Miss Culkin, Miss Clarke and Miss Deakin will be with you every step of the way!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term will be providing experiences that encourage children to share and take turns, as well as support them in developing the skills to work together and complete tasks. The children will be working on gaining a sense of responsibility through things such as tidying the classroom, promoting confidence and building self-esteem.

Children will develop their awareness and an understanding of how actions can have a positive and negative impact on their own feelings and those of others.

Physical Development

We will be concentrating on developing the children's movement and balance skills, this will be achieved through dance, ball games, balancing activities and opportunities to climb. The children will be improving their fine motor skills while using resources such as scissors, pencils, chalk, paint brushes, cotton buds and more!

We will also be encouraging the children to button/zip up their own coats and to use cutlery when eating their lunch. It would be fantastic if parents could support with this in their home environment.

Understanding of the world

We begin the school year by exploring family and community. Children will be looking at pictures of their family, as well as their photographs of their peers. The children will be encouraged to notice similarities and differences between family and understand that family comes in all shapes and sizes. We will look at the school community and how this is like being part of a family.

As the seasons change, we will be exploring the signs of Autumn in the outdoor environment and children will be encouraged to explore the changing leaves and change in the weather.

Expressive Art and Design (EAD)

This term we will be focusing on self portraits, and observational drawing of the world around us. They will gain experience using scissors, and will be encouraged to hold the scissors safely to practise their skills by making snips in paper and following straight lines.

Children will also be further exploring colour through painting activities and by making prints of autumn leaves with red, orange and brown paint, to create their own autumn leaves.

We will be using natural resources such as conkers, leaves and acorns to make prints on paper and talking about the different effect that these have.

Through music and games, children will develop their rhythmic skills to follow the beat of a song, using instruments and their bodies, e.g. clapping. We will be focusing on common nursery rhymes, and it would be great if you could do this at home with your child too.

Communication, Language and Literacy

We will be developing children's vocabulary and communication skills through stories, songs, and within play. This term our core focus is all about Nursery Rhymes and we will be exploring Traditional Tales.

We follow the Little Wandle Phonics scheme. The children will be exploring phonics by listening to instrumental sounds, environmental sounds, voice sounds, rhythm and rhyme and alliteration.

Each week the children will have a 'Rhyme of the Week.' This will be shared with you to practise with them at home.

The children will be developing their reading skills by recognising their own name on their coat peg and will be practising their mark making skills through play.

Maths

As we start the school year we will be focusing on number names and looking at number patterns through songs and rhymes. We will sing songs which count forward and back to 5, such as 5 Current Buns in a Bakers Shop. We will also be comparing quantities using language: 'more than', 'fewer than.'

The children will also be exploring 2D and 3D shapes. Nursery will provide many opportunities for children to practice this, they will play freely with blocks, shapes, shape puzzles and shape-sorters.

Religion

The children are introduced to Religion through stories, scripture and creative activities. They learn about different faiths, traditions and values. Through class discussion children are able to explore what they see, believe, celebrate and live, they have the opportunity to share ideas, opinions and thoughts.

As a school we support children in developing their sense of identity and promote the Bee-attitudes, developing their understanding of making good choices and to 'be like Jesus', including being respectful, kind, loving, thankful, hardworking, close to God, prayerful, patient and to have courage.