



Nursery Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 1 (2023)

Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of an exciting year at Orchard Primary School! We are excited to welcome all of our new children and families.

Our Autumn 1 topic is 'Me and My World'. This includes learning about our families, traditions and ourselves. Information about what your child will learn this half term is on the reverse of this newsletter.

Please support us in providing smooth transitions for all children by arriving at school on time at 9:05am.

Should you have any concerns or wish to discuss your child's progress, please feel free to speak to us. We are available to talk after school on most days.

We look forward to working with you and your child.

Best wishes,

Nursery Team

Dates for your diary

Key dates including class assemblies, enrichment days / events and coffee mornings can be found on our school website calendar or on our parent dates letter sent out at the beginning of every half term.

Trips take place each half term and are planned to support the half termly learning. A separate letter is sent to inform you of details for upcoming class trips. These are also added to the school's website calendar.

PE

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school on their timetabled PE days. It is advised that your child keeps their kit in school throughout the week in case of any timetable changes. Children must have a full PE kit (a white t-shirt, black shorts and plimsolls) to ensure personal hygiene and safety.

Homework

Parent Planners will be given out on a Thursday. Look out for any key messages and to see what we will be learning the following week.

Children will receive two reading books which will be changed every week. Please remember to leave a comment in the Home School Diary and make sure you read each day with your child.

Spare Clothes

We ask that all children come to school in pants (no nappies or pull-ups please). A set of spare clothes can be brought in and left on your child's peg in case of any accidents. Please can all clothes be labelled.

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Communication and Language

We will be learning to:

- Enjoy listening to longer stories and remember much of what happens.
- Understand a question or instruction that has two parts, such as: "Get your coat and wait at the door".
- Sing a large repertoire of songs.



Literacy

We will be learning to:

Understand the five key concepts about print:

- Print has meaning.
- Print can have different purposes.
- We read English text from left to right.
- We read English text from top to bottom.
- The names of the different parts of a book page sequencing.



Maths

We will be learning to:

- Develop fast recognition of up to 3 objects, without having to count them individually.
- Recite numbers past 5.
- Say one number for each item in order: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
- Experiment with our own symbols and marks as well as numerals.



Physical Development

We will be learning to:

- Continue to develop our movement, balancing, riding (scooters, trikes and bikes) and ball skills.
- Go up steps and stairs, or climb up apparatus, using alternate feet.



Understanding the World

We will be learning to:

- Use all our senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.
- Begin to make sense of our own life-story and family's history.
- Plant seeds and care for growing plants.
- Explore and talk about different forces we can feel.



Expressive Art and Design

We will be learning to:

- Take part in simple pretend play, using an object to represent something else even though they are not similar.
- Explore different materials freely, in order to develop our ideas about how to use them and what to make.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be learning to:

- Select and use activities and resources, with help when needed.
- Become more outgoing with unfamiliar people, in the safe context of our setting.
- Play with one or more other children, extending and elaborating play ideas.