



St Mary's Nursery, Writlington

Welcome back to Autumn Term 2. This term is always very busy with learning and creating fun things for Christmas.

Topic

The topic this term is 'Festivals and Celebrations' we will be looking at The Gunpowder Plot, Bonfires and Fireworks, Remembrance Day and Poppies, and then Christmas and The Nativity. The Nativity this year will be a little different, news to follow!

What does my child need during a nursery session?

- book bag
 - change of clothes to be left on peg
 - nappies/wipes if toilet training
 - bottle filled with **water only**
 - wellies
 - coat if wet, sunhat if sunny
- Please ensure all items are clearly labelled - thank you!**

Healthy Lunches

Please ensure if your child brings a lunch to nursery, that it is a healthy, balanced lunch! We recommend sandwiches/wraps/pasta, fruit and perhaps a small tasty treat - please no big bars of chocolates or sweets!

Phonics

In phonics we are offering the children a range of different fun activities with a real focus on **building vocabulary**. Because we have two year groups in our nursery, the younger children are grouped as N1s (starting school in 2022) and the older children are grouped as N2s (starting school in 2021). The N1 group will be learning lots of songs and games to really develop their listening and attention skills. The N2s will be engaging in activities that will encourage them to develop understanding of rhythm and rhyme - which is the basis of speaking and listening. Of course, there is opportunity for all children to engage in these activities as they are fun and playful and enhance their learning.

As part of phonics we always learn a nursery rhyme each week, and this term we have been learning The Fireworks Song, I'm a Little Diva Lamp and we will be learning The Leaves in the Tree, Hey Diddle Diddle, Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, Here we go Round the Christmas tree, Jingle Bells plus many more for Christmas.

Many of the songs also have actions, so if you'd like to support with these at home, prepare for a dance lesson.

Literacy

We will be sharing a number of key texts this term. The children really enjoy our 'together time' on the carpet, and so do the practitioners! The key texts this term are...*Hovis the Hedgehog, Peppa's Diwali, Supertato Carnival Catastro- Peal, The Winter Bear, Toffee's New Friend, Tickly Christmas Wibbly Pig and more!*

Mathematics

In Maths we like to count everything and we like to count as often as we can. The children are getting really good at counting to 20 as we count to 20 when washing our hands, we also count how many children are in during a nursery session line! We also learn a number song each week as this is really helpful when practising counting and sequencing. Listen out for 5 Pretty Fireworks, 5 Red Poppies, 5 Little Peas, 5 Little Squirrels, 5 Cookie Snowmen, 5 Happy Snowmen riding on a sledge and 10 Little Bells. We may even find some more!

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Our adult-directed activities are always based around your child's interests, and we plan these each week after we have reviewed the previous week's learning. These activities will also be linked to our topic wherever possible to reinforce learning. We enhance children's learning in their free-play by having resources and challenges available to spark their interests.

Outdoor Learning

Little Acorns are going to be spending time in the great outdoors! When all the children are settled we will be venturing outside into the conservation area (on the school grounds) and taking part in 'forest school' based activities. These include stories, exploration, nature trails and maybe even a bonfire! We will soon be requesting that all children come prepared with the appropriate clothing - a waterproof coat, wellington boots and if possible, waterproof trousers. These will need to be left on their pegs. We are aiming to go outside in all weather conditions - come rain or shine!



Reminders

Please remember that sessions now run from 9:05-12PM and 12-2:45. Please ensure you distance in the carpark. **It is really important that you supervise your children closely as you wait in the coned area.** We would like to thank you **ALL** for your co-operation at such challenging times - you have been so patient with the changes we have had to make to ensure we keep everyone as safe as possible. We love having you all at nursery!