

Communication and Language

This term the children will be:

- Talking about special family celebrations and special times.
- Expanding their vocabulary and learning new words linked to celebrations.
- Talking about what they like and dislike.
- Thinking about their own ideas, linked to stories and answering questions using a sentence.
- Describing sounds they can hear around them.

Physical Development

This term the children will be:

- Developing gross motor skills by taking part in daily Groovy Movers and joining in with outdoor play.
- Taking part in 'Diddy Hoppers'. We welcome Diddy Hoppers where the children will take part in action rhymes and songs. If your child attends Morning or Start of the Week Nursery sessions then they will take part in the Spring term.
- Developing fine motor skills by joining in with Dough Disco sessions and by accessing the continuous provision. Activities will include – threading, painting, building etc.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

This term the children will be:

- Continuing to learn about our school Attitudes to Learning. These are '**Independent Iguana, Creative Chamaeleon, Resilient Rabbit, Reflective Raccoon, Respectful Rhino, Teamwork Termites**'.
- Revisiting our 'Golden Rules'. These are 'Be kind and gentle. Be a good listener. Be honest. Be hard working. Be respectful. Be proud and positive.'
- Learning how to be a good friend and how to be kind.
- Finding out about different feelings and emotions.

Here is the next edition of the Nursery 'Sharing the Learning' letter. We hope you will find it useful!

Sharing the Learning



How do you celebrate?



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Literacy

This term the children will be:

- Playing games to recognise and learn about how sounds are different. The children will be exploring the sounds of different instruments and talking about how they are the same or different. They will be using their voice to create different sounds.
- Listening to a range of stories based around night time and celebrations.
- Continuing to enjoy and learn nursery rhymes and stories to support language development and early literacy skills.
- Exploring the mark making area by giving the children different purposes to write.
- Taking part in small group activities to develop listening and attention skills.
- Taking part in Nursery Rhyme Week.
- Invited to take home a book to share with an adult at bedtime. Rainbow Readers begins!
- Learning how to handle a book.

Mathematics

This term the children will be:

- Encouraged to use the maths area and will explore numbers and shape through their play.
- Joining in with different number rhymes.
- Working in small groups to recognise numbers and count objects to match a number.
- Learning about pattern and shape.

We ask for a contribution of £3 to support playdough activities. Thank you!

Understanding the World

This term the children will be:

- Learning about different celebrations – Birthdays, Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas.
- Learning about how to keep safe.
- Revisiting the term 'family' and thinking about who is in our family and our special celebrations at home.
- Learning how to look after our Nursery rabbit
- Learning about Remembrance Day.

Expressive Arts and Design

This term the children will be:

- Taking part in craft activities linked to Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas.
- Exploring how to use collage materials for a purpose.
- Learning different songs and rhymes.
- Moving to music in different ways.
- Exploring instrument sounds.



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‘Being the best you can be!’

It is hard to believe that we are about to enter the second half of the Autumn Term, where is the time going? Your children have all made a super start to Nursery life and have worked hard to learn new routines, make new friends and have lots of fun. Thank you for your continued support during this uncertain and ever changing time. We hope that you have all had a good rest during the school holiday and are ready to start an exciting half term.

Here is a little reminder about Nursery timings.



Bean Tree Nursery – drop off is at 9 am and pick up is at 3 pm.

Woodland Nursery –

Morning children: 8.45 am – 11.45 am

Start of the week children:

Monday – 8.45 am – 3.15 pm

Tuesday – 8.45 am – 3.15 pm

Wednesday morning – 8.45 am – 10.45 am

End of the week children:

Wednesday afternoon – 1.15 pm – 3.15 pm

Thursday – 8.45 am – 3.15 pm

Friday – 8.45 am – 3.15 pm

Afternoon children: 12.15 pm– 3.15 pm

If your child accesses the two and a half day provision and you would like them to stay for the full three hours on the half day, then you can pay £5 to top up your session. Mrs. Lymer, in the office will invoice you for this payment. Please ask if you are interested or contact Mrs. Lymer via email – klymer@alvastoni.derby.sch.uk or phone 01332 571704

Each half term, we will have a topic based around a question. Throughout the half term, we will explore this question in a variety of fun and exciting ways.

This half term, our exciting topic will be ‘How do you celebrate?’ We will be talking about and naming different celebrations and we would love to hear about any celebrations which you celebrate at home. Please send in photographs for the children to talk about with their friends.

We will continue to share stories and nursery rhymes and will share our special focus ones each week on Dojo. We will be taking part in Nursery Rhyme Week this year and will be sharing more about this special week. We cannot stress enough the importance of learning nursery rhymes at home. ‘If a child knows 8 nursery rhymes by heart by the time they are 4 years old, they are usually among the best readers and spellers in their class by the time they are 8’. (Fox, M. (2001). Reading Magic. San Diego, CA: Harcourt.) <https://www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com/>

What you will need: Your child will need a pair of slippers and a pair of wellies; these can be left at Nursery. Each day they will also need to bring a small bag containing a change of clothes, a coat and a water bottle. Please remember to **label all items** and ensure your child is familiar with their own belongings. If your child stays all day, they will also need a packed lunch with a drink inside their lunch box.

Ways to help your child at home and suggested activities:

Literacy

- Visit the Cbeebies – Let's celebrate website. Watch videos and share stories about different celebrations.
- Encourage your child to draw pictures about how we celebrate. Can they have a try at writing about their picture? Adding meaning to marks is an important stage in early writing.
- Practise name writing - use gloop, glitter, sand, sticks in mud, water and large paintbrushes.
- Listen to 5 different Nursery Rhymes and encourage your child to join in and learn the words.
- Handle books correctly and talk about the title and the pictures.
- Encourage your child to write their own cards for friends.
- Engaging with Rainbow Readers – a letter will follow ☺

Share a story at home before bed every night! 'If you read just one book a day to your child, they will have read 1825 books by their 5th birthday.'

Mathematics

- Look for familiar numbers when you are out and about.
- Look for numbers when at the supermarkets. Give your child a special number to look for, how many times can they find it?
- Play 'show me'. Hide your fingers and ask your children to show you 4 fingers? Can they show you in a different way?
- Sing number songs e.g. 5 little ducks.
- Count sets of toys at home or look for something on the way home and see how many you can count. Remember to touch and count!
- Do some active counting at home! Can you do 5 jumps? How many times have I clapped?
- Count the steps as you walk upstairs!
- Go on a shape hunt around your home.
- Look for patterns around your home, look at your socks – can you match them?

We are kindly asking for £3 voluntary donations towards the cost of playdough and baking resources: You can send this money in a sealed envelope with your child's name on.- Thank you in advance.

Dates for your Diary:

- Odd Sock Day –
- Nursery Rhyme Week – w/c 16th November 2020
- Anti Bullying Week – w/c 16th November 2020
- INSET day – Friday 20th November 2020
- Christmas Procession - Wednesday 9th December 2020 (more details to follow)
- Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday 9th December 2020
- Christmas Party – Wednesday 16th December 2020
- Break up for Christmas – Friday 20th December 2020
- INSET day – 4th January 2021
- Return to Nursery – 5th January 2021

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Sheldrick, Mrs Carnall and the Nursery team.

Take a look at this website -

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zdqjjhv>

Lots of great ideas to try at home. Lots of rhymes to sing and it also gives reasons about why they are important.

