

Communication and Language

This term the children will be:

- Singing familiar and new nursery rhymes.
- Talking about themselves and their family.
- Talking about what they like and dislike.
- Getting to know each other and the Nursery environment.
- Developing their vocabulary.
- Learning how to communicate with new peers and adults.

Welcome to the 'Sharing the Learning' newsletter. We hope you will find it useful to know what we will be learning about in Nursery over the half term and that you can find ways in which you can help your child at home.

Literacy

This term the children will be:

- Playing games to recognise and learn about how sounds are different.
- Listening to a range of stories.
- Enjoying nursery rhymes and stories to support language development and early literacy skills.
- Exploring the mark making area and learning to write their names.
- Taking part in small group activities to develop listening and attention skills.
- Encouraged to take home a library book to share with an adult at bedtime.
- Learning how to handle a book.

Physical Development

This term the children will be:

- Developing fine motor skills by taking part in activities that include; threading, painting, building etc.
- Exploring the dough area and joining in with the 'Dough Disco'.
- Exploring a range of malleable materials and understanding how to use different tools safely.
- Taking part in activities to develop gross motor skills.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

This term the children will be:

- Learning about our school Attitudes to Learning. These are 'Independent Iguana, Creative Chamaeleon, Resilient Rabbit, Reflective Raccoon, Respectful Rhino, Teamwork Termites'.
- Settling into nursery and playing lots of games to enable them to make new friends.

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 will count objects to match a number.
- Sorting objects by colour.
- Beginning to learn about weight by taking part in baking activities.
- Learning a new nursery routine.
- Learning the days of the week and weather song.

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

Understanding the World

This term the children will be:

- Learning about the Christian celebration 'Harvest'.
- Finding out about Autumn and the changes they observe around them.
- Exploring our nursery woodland area.
- Baking using apples from our Nursery garden.
- Invited to take home our 'Nursery Baking Bag'.
- Learning how to look after our Nursery rabbit and fish.

Expressive Arts and Design

This term the children will be:

- Taking part in craft activities to learn about colour.
- Exploring how to use collage materials for a purpose.
- Learning different songs and rhymes.
- Moving to music in different ways.





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We would like to extend a huge welcome to all of our wonderful families who have just joined us at Alvaston Infant and Nursery School! We are so excited to be working with you and your child, so they can be the 'best that they can be!'

Firstly, I want take this opportunity to give a heartfelt thank you all for your support whilst your child is settling into new Nursery routines. Thank you!



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

Woodland Nursery –

Morning children: 8.45 am – 11.45 am

Start of the week:

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:

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, then there is the option to top up to the full morning for £5. 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 'Who am I?'. We will be talking about our families, communities we belong to and the things we like to do. We will be learning to recognise, and name, different colours and will be enjoying a range of different stories and rhymes. We consider sharing stories very important at Nursery and we will read many stories to your child. Stories and rhymes are valuable for children's development and vocabulary development will be a priority for us.

Class Dojo is a great way for us to keep you up to date with your child's learning and events taking place in school. If we have your permission, we will be also share photos from a 'typical' day in Nursery so you can see what we get up to! Thank you to everyone who has signed up so far. If we haven't been able to join you up to Dojo, then please give your email address to a member of the Nursery Team and they will email you an invite.

Each week, we will share the story we will be learning about the following week, an action rhyme and key vocabulary. This will help you talk to your child about what they will be learning about in the Nursery.



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.

Ways to help your child at home and suggested activities:

Literacy

- Go on a sound walk at the park and talk about the different sounds that your child can hear.
 - Encourage your child to draw pictures and talk about what they have drawn. Can they have a try at writing about their picture? Adding meaning to marks is an important stage in early writing.
 - Practise name writing.
 - 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.
- Share a story at home before bed every night!**

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?
- Count sets of toys at home or look for something on the way home and see how many you can 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.

We are kindly asking for £3 voluntary donations towards the cost of playdough and baking resources: You can send this money via Parent Pay. Parent Pay is a cashless system we use in our school. Thank you in advance for your support.

Dates for your Diary:

School photographs – Wednesday 23rd September 2020
Walk to School Week – 5th October 2020
Maths Zoom Workshop - Wednesday 7th October (Link to follow)
INSET day – Monday 12th October 2020
Parents' Evening (via telephone) – Wednesday 14th October 2020 and Thursday 15th October 2020 (more information to follow)
Reading and Phonic Information session – whole school invited 10.30 am and 5.30 pm – Monday 19th October 2020
Nursery Curriculum Zoom meeting – Wednesday 21st October 2020 at 5.30pm
Break up for Half Term – Friday 25th October

Thank you for your support.

Miss Sheldrick, Mrs Carnall and the Nursery team.

Why don't you have a go at making some playdough to support your child's physical skills?

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/playdough-recipe>

Please send in photos of your child having fun with playdough!

