



Nursery Parent Overview

Autumn 1



Storytime & Language Magic

(Communication & Language and Literacy)

Stories and songs are the heart of our classroom! This half term, we are focusing on books that explore friendships and feelings, building vocabulary, learning to predict what happens next and sharing their own family experiences.

- **We're Going to a Birthday Party:** Celebrating and exploring special celebrations and routines.
- **Where's Lenny?** Following familiar family routines and predicting what happens next.
- **Hello Friend:** Building friendships, welcoming others and celebrating differences
- **Rhyme Time:** Singing daily favourites like *1, 2, 3, 4, 5*, *Wind the Bobbin Up*, and *Pat-a-Cake* to build rhythm and language.



Early Maths: Counting, Sorting and Pattern

(Mathematics & White Rose Maths Framework)

Mathematical learning in Nursery is all about hands-on exploration. Before working with numerals, children will learn to understand how items relate to one another.

- **Counting:** Hearing and saying number names in order through songs and daily routines.
- **Matching & Sorting:** Finding and matching identical objects and figures in our small world area
- **Exploring Quantities:** Using language like "more", "less", and "same" during play. Explore and play with shapes, and putting shapes and block into position.
- **Shapes & Space:** Notice differences in sizes
- **Repeating Patterns:** Exploring and copying simple repeating patterns in our environment.



Me and My Family

Welcome to our new topic! This half term we are settling into new routines, exploring who we are, our wonderful families, and the changing world around us. Here is a look at what we are learning through our daily play and activities, alongside ideas to try at home.



Settling In & Celebrating Me

(Personal, Social, Emotional Development)

Starting Nursery is a wonderful milestone! Our priority this half term is helping your child feel safe, confident, and valued as they join our classroom community.

- **Exploring Emotions:** Reading Owl Babies to help with separation, reassurance and comfort.
- **Making Friends:** Reading Hello Friend to practice sharing and learning names.
- **Belonging:** Building a class photo board to celebrate our families.



Try This at Home!

- **Talk, Talk, Talk:** Talk about their day, name the friends they play with, and discuss the changing autumn weather on your walks to school.
- **Share Stories Daily:** Talk about the pictures and ask open questions
- **Sing Our Rhymes:** Use the weekly rhyme sheets to sing together, encouraging them to copy the actions.
- **Embrace Playful Maths:** Count the steps as you walk, spot shapes, or let them help you match socks. Talk about different sizes and fit pieces in puzzles.
- **Foster Independence:** Help your child practice putting on their own shoes, pulling up their zip, and washing their hands independently.



Autumn Discoveries & Busy Fingers

(Understanding the World & Physical Development)

The arrival of autumn brings so much natural wonder to explore! Our priority this half term is capturing your child's curiosity about the changing season while playfully building the hand strength they need for future drawing and writing:

- **Seasonal Science:** Exploring real pumpkins, spot signs of autumn, and learning how animals prepare for colder weather
- **Finger Muscle Strength:** Squeezing, rolling, and moulding playdough
- **Precision & Grip:** Using tweezers to scoop pumpkin seeds and threading autumn leaves onto string to build fine motor control.



Creative Sparks & Role Play

(Expressive Arts & Design)

Stepping into the world of imagination is where the magic happens! Our priority this half term is encouraging your child to express their ideas, build confidence, and explore different roles through creative and imaginative play:

- **Belonging & Identity:** Creating self-portraits using mirrors and paint to display proudly in our classroom community.
- **Familiar Routines:** Acting out everyday home routines and cooking meals in our home corner to build social skills and confidence.
- **Autumn Textures:** Exploring autumn colours by leaf painting and printing
- **Natural Sculptures:** Using natural materials like sticks, leaves, and pinecones to create beautiful autumn transient art pieces.