

Nursery Autumn 1st Half Term

NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to welcome all the new families (and existing ones) to Clarendon Nursery. We really look forward to working with you and your children during their time in Nursery. The children have been settling into their new surroundings and routines really well.

For the 1st half term, we will be focusing on transitioning the children into the Nursery and making sure they are settled and feel safe. This term we will also be focusing on the question 'Who am I?'. We will be looking at what makes us different and what makes us the same, including our 5 senses and how we use them.

Curriculum Highlights

Communication and Language

This term we will be learning about how to follow simple instructions and recognising the importance of listening to others. The children will be developing their use of language through retelling Nursery rhymes as well as stories to develop their language skills.

Literacy

This term we will be exploring how the children use their fine motor skills to mark-make and draw using a variety of writing tools in the Nursery. Children will be able to demonstrate their creativity using different drawing techniques (e.g. straight/curved lines).



The children will also have an opportunity to bring books home each week that are from the school library. We ask that you share them with your child and return them weekly in their book bags so we can change them. Please encourage your children to look through the books and describe what they see and what may be happening in the story.

Numeracy

This term we will be learning how objects can be stacked and balanced using blocks, cups and other everyday materials. They will be learning to recognise and count to 3 while investigating how objects can be sorted, positioned and hidden inside one another.

These playful activities will help develop their early mathematical understanding of shape and space, while encouraging curiosity, exploration and problem-solving skills.



Understanding of the world

This term we will be learning about the wonderful world around us through exploring our natural environment. The children will enjoy observing what they can see, hear and feel outdoors, developing their curiosity about nature.

We will also be talking about our families and the special people in our lives, helping the children learn more about themselves and others.

Expressive Art and Design

This term we will be learning about expressing ourselves through music and art. The children will enjoy exploring a range of sound-makers and instruments, joining in with familiar songs and rhymes, and experimenting with different sounds. They will also use a variety of art materials to create patterns and explore their creativity through play.



Personal, Social and Emotional

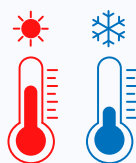
This term we will be learning about ourselves, our feelings and how to build positive relationships with others.

The children will be encouraged to talk about themselves and the important people in their lives, recognise/ express their emotions, and grow in confidence through new experiences.

We will also support them in following simple instructions, taking turns and developing friendships through play.



General Information



Cold Weather and Clothing

As much of our learning takes place outdoors, please ensure your child brings a warm, named coat every day, ideally waterproof. Hats, gloves, scarves and wellies should also be clearly named. If your child wears wellies to Nursery, please provide school shoes for indoor play.

Personal Items

Please make sure all personal belongings, including bottles, jumpers, cardigans and coats, are clearly named. This helps us return items quickly, as children do not always recognise their own belongings.

Book Bags

We recommend that your child has a named Clarendon book bag for library books, artwork and letters. Please do not put drinks or toys in book bags. Encouraging your child to carry and put away their own belongings each morning helps to develop their independence. A keyring can also help your child easily identify their bag.

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Physical Development

This term, we will be learning about developing our physical skills through active play and exploration. The children will enjoy moving their bodies in different ways, joining in with action songs and music, and practising skills such as balancing, climbing, throwing and kicking.



They will also explore a range of tools and resources to develop their fine motor skills, including building, mark-making and using scissors safely and confidently.

Reading

In Nursery, we help your children with the early stages of reading. This is by talking with them about stories that have been read. Asking questions about the characters and what they think may happen next in the story.

We also look at picture books with no words, so that the children can create stories themselves by looking at the pictures.



Photo Links & Weekly Updates

In Early Years we do not take photos and write observations of their learning journey. Instead, we will be spending more quality time with your children, engaging in their play. Therefore, on a Wednesday and Friday we will email you a photo link for you to access and look at photos with your child, to discuss their learning and play.

We will also send a brief summary of our week, so you know what we have been learning. This will be via our Parent Mail.

