



Autumn 1 - 2025

# Oak Room Newsletter

We would like to welcome all the new children and their families and welcome back the children and families that we worked with last year.

The children are settling into Oak Room very well , they are beginning to develop warm and positive relationships with their keyworkers and the other children in the group.

For many children separating from parents for the first time can be a very emotional time, but please be reassured that the children are loving being at nursery experiencing many new and different opportunities. It is great for developing their independence and sense of belonging to a group.

## Numbers

We offer many opportunities for our child to explore and develop their early mathematical skills at nursery. They will be exposed to a wide variety of experiences to offer them a great understanding of number. Your child will be exploring numbers and counting on a daily basis.

Here at nursery we really concentrate on children developing their 'number sense' and knowing numbers 1-5, ensuring your children understand what the numbers and quantities really look like. We will introduce your child to subitising. Subitising is when you are able to look at a small group of objects and recognise what they can see without counting.

This only works with small groups of numbers. An example of this is when we roll a dice and do not need to count the spots.

## Making Relationships

It has been an amazing first half term, the children are beginning to get to know each other, they are learning the names of the children in their group and the adults at nursery.

Friendships will begin to develop as the children spend more time with each other this half term. We have lots of experiences at nursery to support your child in developing their personal, social and emotional development.

Learning to play alongside and with the other children is an important skill which will be encouraged.

Sharing and taking turns is a vital skill to learn, the adult's in nursery will support, model and encourage this at nursery.

## School Fund

Please remember to bring £1 each week which goes towards school fund.

These contributions help us to do lovely extra's with your child such as cooking activities, presents at Christmas and other exciting experiences.

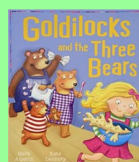
Each key group has their own little money boxes, that your child can put their money in.



## Traditional Stories

Your child will begin to learn several traditional stories during the next few months. We will begin with Goldilocks and the Three Bears and move onto The Gingerbread Man this half term.

These stories are really important for your child's early story telling skills. We will read the story from a book, tell it from heart using props, draw the story, watch a cartoon of the story and change the story (We have ended up with 'The Dinosaur and the three dogs' in previous years. Children of all abilities are able to recall the story in their own way please encourage this at home. The children will often read you the story by



looking at the pictures in the book.



## Cultural Diversity and Identity



Every family is different and we all live and celebrate in our own personal ways. We love to talk about special events that the children are celebrating at home and in their community. Please help support your child with this by putting photos of special events onto Tapestry and we can share these with your child. These could be birthdays, religious festivals, anniversaries, holidays, visits to relatives. Children love to tell us about these special events.

The children have recently been looking at the photographs from home as prompts for conversation and mark making in the writing area at nursery.

Please keep sharing on Tapestry!!



## Library

We have an amazing library space at nursery, we use this each Monday in our key groups. Your child will enjoy the experience of choosing a book to bring home!!

Your child will also have the opportunity to spend time in Library space in smaller groups at different times throughout the week.

Sharing this wonderful space with a wide variety of books, props, puppets, soft toys, cd's and much more, helps children develop a love for books and supports their early literacy skills.

## Physical Skills

We promote the development of physical skills as an area of great importance. Our outdoor space offers the children opportunity to challenge themselves physically and cognitively.

Risk taking is an important skill to explore and develop from an early age. This will be encouraged at nursery, with the support from an adult to teach and guide the children's thought process's.

The indoor space also offers a variety of experiences for the children to explore their large and more fine physical skills. Play dough, clay, painting, drawing, scissor skills and building are all offered as our core provision.

## Singing and Rhymes

When young children sing songs, they learn to focus, listen carefully and repeat what they've heard. Just like reading to your child, singing songs with them helps to boost their vocabulary and language skills. It also helps children with rhythm and rhyming too which is a fundamental part of early literacy and phonics.

We have recently introduced the children to a poem about five little pumpkins. They have loved learning and reciting this, using the pumpkins and the natural materials as props for the poem.

Each week your child will learn a new rhyme at nursery. Please look out for these on tapestry. If your child is not camera shy we love to see video clips of them singing these rhymes at home so please pop any videos onto Tapestry for us to see.