

Sycamore Newsletter

Autumn 1

Welcome to Netherton Park Nursery School. We are so happy that you have chosen for your child to come to our nursery and attend Sycamore Room.

You should all be very proud of your children, they have settled in amazingly well and are coping with new routines, people and environments really well.

We look forward to a half term of really getting to know our children and families and having lots of fun along the way.

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Much of this half term will be spent building relationships with the children in Sycamore Room. We pride ourselves on spending quality time, really getting to know our children, making them feel safe and secure at nursery and making sure they trust us to help them.

We follow the Intensive Interaction approach. This approach focusses on meaningful and enjoyable interactions which promote social inclusion, emotional wellbeing and supports the development of the fundamentals of communication such as **eye contact, facial expression, turn taking, paying attention, vocalisation and enjoying being with others**. Many of our interactions and activities will be planned to support these key skills.

Building positive relationships with the adults looking after them is so important for children. We will ensure they have activities they enjoy (as well as new ones) and we will join them at these activities. We may follow the child's lead, copy what they do and use lots of positive communication so that they feel safe and comfortable with us, hopefully encouraging them to seek further interactions with us.

Tapestry

Please remember to check Tapestry regularly for important dates coming up, and don't forget to look out for your child's experiences at the end of the halfterm when their photos and annotations go live. We love seeing the wonderful learning, special events and experiences that happen at home, so please feel free to share with us on Tapestry.

Communication and Language

Listening and attention are key to developing language and communication skills. We will support the children to develop these through;

- Playing anticipation games where the children need to wait for something exciting to happen
- Using the children's names to help them focus attention
- Providing opportunities for the children to share attention with an adult
- Developing their eye contact
- Commenting during play
- Using visuals to support with instructions and routines
- By offering choices to help the children express a preference.
- Using singing and rhyme as a fun way to interact and to introduce new language

Culture and celebrations

We are very lucky to have families with a range of faiths and cultures. If you have any special celebrations in your family please tell us about them. We love to see photographs of special celebrations so please share these on your child's Tapestry.

Contributions: We ask families to contribute a weekly £1 donation. This may be used towards snack, play dough making resources and visitors / special events. We greatly appreciate this contribution if this is something that you can afford.

Physical Development

The children will have daily opportunities to develop their gross and fine motor skills, both indoors and outdoor.

A variety of mark making and sensory experiences are on offer daily, including water and sand play, food play, painting and play doh.

Large equipment for climbing, jumping and rolling are continually available as well as lots of opportunities to move around. We will offer challenges by giving children pushchairs and wheelbarrows to move around obstacles and by setting up obstacle courses where the children need to balance, jump, step, climb etc.

We will support and develop independence with personal care skills such as hand washing, toileting and dressing. We will use visuals to help children understand these routines.



Key dates:

Please also check Tapestry regularly for upcoming dates you need to be aware of.

12th October—Harvest Collection
(More details to follow on Tapestry)

26th - 30th October—Half term week

2nd and 3rd November—Staff training days. Nursery will be closed to children on these days. **Children will return on Wednesday 4th November.**