

Curriculum Information

Autumn 1 Term 2026



A warm welcome! We're so excited to begin our learning journey this term. The Nursery team is looking forward to a fun-filled and nurturing time together, helping our little learners grow, explore and shine.

Our Learning This Term Includes:

- ☺ All About Me – learning names, families & routines
- ☺ Autumn Treasures – exploring leaves, conkers & seasonal changes
- ☺ Nursery Rhymes & Stories – building language and listening skills
- ☺ Counting Fun – numbers through play
- ☺ Mark Making – first steps in early writing!

Clothing and Wellies – Let's Get Ready for Messy Fun!

Label, Label, Label!

Please make sure all your child's belongings are clearly labelled – that includes shoes, coats, hats, water bottles... basically everything! It makes it so much easier for us to get lost items back to their rightful owner.



Spare Clothes

Every little explorer needs a backup outfit! Please pack a set of spare clothes in your child's bag. We love getting messy at nursery, and sometimes a quick change is needed after all the fun!

Wellies

Mud, puddles, paint, and more! Please send a pair of named wellies for your child, which can stay at school for the term. They'll be perfect for all the wet and messy play!



Don't Forget Days!

Tuesday is PE Day

Tuesdays are all about moving, jumping, and having fun! Please send your child to nursery in their PE kit: school PE t-shirt, navy shorts or joggers, and Velcro trainers or pumps. That way, they're ready for all the action-packed activities we have planned!

Friday is Library Day

Our little book lovers get to visit the library and pick out a new story each Friday! Please help your child remember to bring their book back by the following Friday. Books can be brought back any day and popped in the green box in the cloakroom.

Curriculum Contribution

We kindly ask for a £5 curriculum donation each term (autumn, spring, and summer). This helps us make Nursery even more exciting for the children by providing things like food for cooking and tasting, gardening materials, and special topic resources (for example, a butterfly garden or wormery). Please send the donation in cash inside a sealed envelope with your child's name on it. Thank you so much for your support!



All 'Evidence Me' accounts are now active, and we hope you've been enjoying the observations we've shared so far. We'll keep adding updates when we notice new or important learning, and we'll also use 'Evidence Me' to share reminders and information about events your child has taken part in at school.

Above and Beyond Celebrations

Each week, Buddy Bear will come home with a child who has gone above and beyond in demonstrating our school values by showing kindness, effort, or a positive attitude. We can't wait to see the adventures Buddy Bear has before returning to school the following week!

Please share your Buddy Bear moments with us by uploading photos to Evidence Me. We love celebrating these special moments with the children, and they always enjoy telling us all about their Buddy Bear adventures!

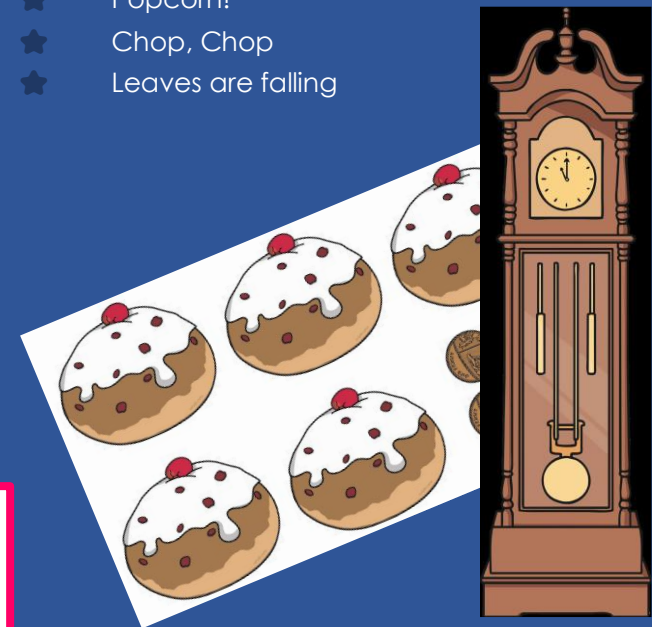


...and that's not all.

Please share any of your home adventures with us. Whether it be a spot of baking or drawing a lovely picture, we want to see what you've been up to! We love to share our news with our friends!

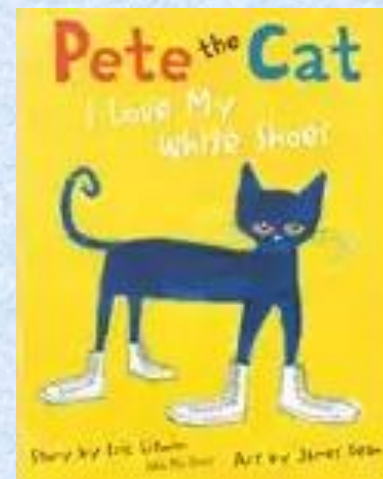
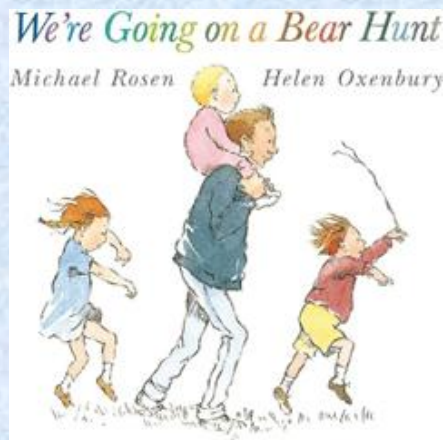
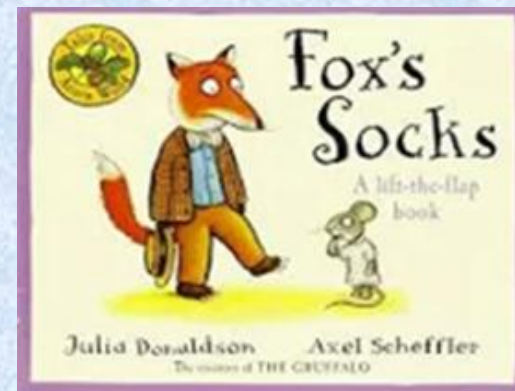
Songs, Rhymes and Poems We Will Learn This Term:

- ★ Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes
- ★ The Grand Old Duke of York
- ★ 5 Currant Buns
- ★ He Made Me
- ★ Hickory, Dickory, Dock
- ★ If you're Happy and You Know it
- ★ Jack and Jill
- ★ Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star
- ★ Popcorn!
- ★ Chop, Chop
- ★ Leaves are falling



Our Books This Term

This term, these are some of the books we'll be sharing during our daily story time. The children will enjoy new characters, pick up lots of exciting new words, and bring the stories to life through role play and small-world play, retelling and acting out different parts of the stories.



Our learning will focus on developing skills across the Seven Areas of Learning and Development. Here's an overview of what we'll be exploring this term:

Prime Areas

Communication and Language

- Talking about our feelings and learning how to recognise them.
- Sharing all about ourselves – our families, our homes, where we live, and learning more about Ossett.
- Practising how to take turns, share our ideas, and listen to each other.
- Playing listening games and activities through our Letters and Sounds phonics programme.
- Growing our vocabulary by enjoying lots of stories together and learning to retell parts of them in our own words.



Physical Development

- Enjoying our weekly PE sessions, where we will learn to move safely around the space, explore equipment and practise skills like running, jumping, and stopping safely.
- Joining in with 'Wiggle me into Squiggle' – a fun, active session that helps build the movements needed for early writing.
- Taking part in plenty of 'finger gym' activities to strengthen little hands, such as playdough, threading, tweezers, painting with different tools, and building indoors and outdoors.



Personal, Social and Emotional

- Learning to share, take turns and build friendships, while talking about what it means to be a good friend.
- Becoming more independent with toileting, handwashing and looking after our own hygiene.
- Practising putting on coats and wellies by ourselves.
- Exploring feelings and emotions, and learning simple ways to help us calm down.
- Talking about our families, noticing similarities and differences, and celebrating what makes us unique.
- Thinking about our termly value of respect – what it means, and how we can show it to others every day.



Specific Areas

Literacy

- Singing lots of songs and rhymes together. Practising listening for longer during group times. Enjoying a wide range of stories, both fiction and non-fiction.
- Talking about the stories we read, asking questions, and retelling our favourite parts.
- Joining in with daily Letters and Sounds sessions.
- Using our mark-making skills to create pictures and begin exploring letters



Mathematics

- Exploring numbers 1–5 through lots of fun daily activities.
- Singing counting songs and number rhymes.
- Comparing groups of objects to see which has more or less.
- Looking at size, length and weight as we play and explore.
- Noticing shapes and patterns all around us in everyday life.



Understanding the World

- Talking about ourselves, our homes, where we live, and our families.
- Sharing special memories and looking at photographs together.
- Noticing similarities and differences between ourselves and others.
- Exploring the changing seasons and discovering nature's treasures like acorns, leaves and conkers.



Expressive Arts and Design

- Learning colour names and having fun mixing them together.
- Getting creative with painting using our hands, fingers and different tools.
- Building and making with all sorts of materials, exploring how to join them together.
- Singing lots of songs and rhymes.
- Enjoying music by trying out instruments and exploring the sounds we can make.

