

Nursery News Autumn 2 Term 2025

Welcome to our Nursery newsletter where you will have an insight into all of the learning and fun that has taken place during the last 7 weeks.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Children have been encouraged to be a 'kind' friend this half term, thinking about and discussing what a friend looks like, how they can help and support each other. There has been a focus on sharing resources and learning to be patient. They have become more resilient in 'having a go' rather than asking for help before trying, building confidence and self-esteem.



Literacy

In Literacy children have enjoyed a range of key stories including Whatever Next, Aliens love Underpants, Sleeping Beauty and Were Going on an Elf Chase. They have enjoyed learning lots of facts around our topic to infinity and beyond by reading non-fiction books, exploring space and the planets. The children have been mark making non-stop this half term, including writing letters to Santa Claus, writing cards in the elf workshop role play area and chalking aliens on the ground outside.

Physical Development

Children have been practising dressing themselves, becoming more independent when putting on their coats, wellies hats and gloves. They have been learning how to hold scissors safely and use them correctly to make snips in paper, and cut along more complex lines. They have explored salt dough moulding it into shape to create star decorations for the Christmas tree.

Communication and Language

Communication skills, modelling language and introducing new vocabulary is always at the heart of our Nursery curriculum. Children have been sharing news from home by discussing their weekly adventures with Elmer and Gruffalo, speaking in-front of a small group. They have been introduced to the word 'rhyme' through stories that we have read and by celebrating national nursery rhyme week in November, listening closely to the rhyming sound in words.

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Mathematics

Children have been counting daily, whether it is how many children are in nursery, or rote counting whilst singing, taking about numbers that are more and less. They have explored the mathematical vocabulary more and less, understanding what this means visually and practically. Children have been subitising by noticing when 2 or 3 items are grouped together.



Expressive Art and Design

This half term the children have helped to plan and set up a role play space station with a 3d rocket and an elf workshop. They have enjoyed learning songs for our nativity, adding actions, performing on stage with confidence! They enjoyed a Christmas craft session with parents and carers; making decorations to take home, measuring how tall they were at Christmas 2025 and mixing reindeer food.

Understanding the World

Children have learned all about the contrast between 'space and earth, light and dark', including how they would travel to Space, what they would need to pack and what transport they would use to get there. Children have had lots of opportunities to bake and cook, discussing hygiene practices and why these are important. They discussed the Christmas story and how it linked to our EYFS nativity, talking about key characters Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus.

Time to prepare for Spring 1 term

To help your child you could;

Practise holding a ball, throwing and catching.

Have general daily discussions, talking about and normalising feelings.

Talk about the seasons, focussing on Winter and the weather.

Clapping syllables in words, when making tea etc for example 'I'm having spag-het-ti, chick-en, saus-age.

