

What we are learning this half term.

A warm welcome to our new starters and hello again to our returning children! We hope you have all had a lovely summer and are as excited as us about the new term. Our topic for this half term is "One in A Million" and we will be celebrating our similarities and differences and looking at family life. We will be reading lots of lovely stories including "The Colour Monster" and "The Colour Monster" Goes to School". These are super stories that help children to begin to understand the different feelings they may experience. As well as this, we will be looking at Harvest Festival and reading "The Enormous Turnip" and making our own bread and soup! It's going to be a busy half term!

We will be saying lots of songs and rhymes and reading rhyming stories and encouraging lots of talk around stories. The children will have plenty of opportunities to mark make using different tools and equipment and there will be a variety of activities to strengthen their gross motor development, which is essential for developing a strong pencil grip.

There will be lots of opportunities for counting sets of objects and counting out a given number of objects. We will be using numbers in all areas of nursery and looking at different quantities. The children will be using different shaped blocks and bricks to build models and we will be encouraging them to talk about the shapes they have used.

How you can help at home.

Learn a new nursery rhyme or song together – you can find lots on YouTube. Don't forget to let us know which one you have learnt!

Do lots of counting of everyday objects when you're out and about or at home. E.g. counting steps and stairs, fruit in to a bowl. Ask your child to pass you a certain number of objects e.g. please can I have two cars?

Nursery and home are a partnership and we can use what your child does at home to inform our assessments. We would love to know what your child does with you, it might be some super counting, telling you about a story we've read at nursery or creating a super picture – anything that you think is significant. Please do tell us or fill in the star slip at the bottom of this letter.

Reminders

- Nursery session time is 8.40am – 11.40am
- Please make sure **all** items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Please bring in a spare set of clothes that can be kept in nursery on your child's peg.
- Please can we ask that the children do not bring toys from home in to Nursery. It saves any upset if the toys get lost or damaged.
- Please complete the 'You're a Star' slip below if your child does anything amazing or new at home. We will share it with the rest of the class!
- We will be asking you to share your email address with us so we can share information about your child with you. More details to follow.



You're a Star!



Name

Achievement

Signature