

Nursery Newsletter 2023

Welcome to Nursery at Keyworth Primary School! We have had a fantastic start to the year and all the staff have loved getting to know your children! This year the Nursery team is Ruby and Lorraine (based mainly in Nursery) and Tina and Saliha (who will be based mainly in Little Stars). We are very proud of how well the children have settled in and we are so excited for the year ahead and all the fun, learning and discovery to come! Below is some information about routines, policies and what we have been learning in Nursery. If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to ask!

Topic

Our topic for this half term is All About Me. We have been learning and talking about our families and ourselves. We have developed our understanding by drawing self-portraits, looking at photos, and listening to stories about families.

Maths

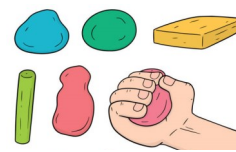
We have been learning counting up to 5 this half term by singing lots of nursery rhymes, such as 5 Green Bottles and 5 Little Ducks. We have looked at concepts of bigger and smaller and sorted objects by their colours. We have enjoyed exploring how shapes fit together, as well as how we can make patterns.



Physical Development

We have used the tyres, crates, hoops and balance beams daily to climb, balance, jump, spin and roll. We have developed our gross motor skills and learnt to do this safely by taking turns.

Fine motor activities such as using large tweezers, threading laces and using buttons are incorporated into our daily play. The children have particularly enjoyed manipulating playdough and exploring their cutting skills with looped scissors and spaghetti!



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We are settling into Nursery this half term and have grown to feel safe leaving our parents and carers and enjoy our time in Nursery!

We have been learning skills in playing with other children, taking turns, friendships and sharing. With the support of our adults we are using our words to talk about our feelings!



Communication and Language

We have been learning new words rapidly as we talk and play. We have been retelling stories and answering questions about our play. We have listened to different sounds to figure out what is making the noise and attempted to re-create these sounds.



We have developed some of our listening skills by playing with adults and following simple directions.

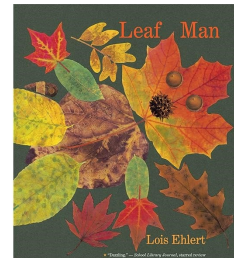
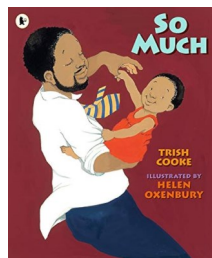
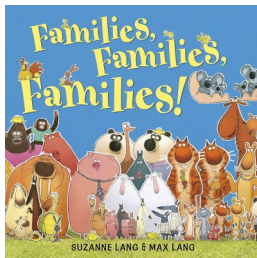
Literacy

We have enjoyed listening to lots of stories this term and have focused on our key texts to participate in repetitive lines and re-tell stories using props from our small world.

Mark making is an important introduction to forming letters and writing. We have been engaging with lots of different tools to hold and make marks in different ways.

Key texts

Our key texts this term are 'Families, Families, Families', 'So Much' and 'Leaf Man'. We have enjoyed listening to these lots of times, participating in repeating phrases and playing the stories in our small world and role play areas!



Things to remember

- Nursery start times are: Part time: **8:45am-11:45am**. Full time: **8:45am-3:30pm**. However, we open the door from 3:20pm. Please ensure you are on time for pick up to support your child with their transition at the end of the day.
- Please send your child to school with a **fully labelled change of clothes** every day, or send in a labelled bag with a full change of clothes which can remain in school.
- Wellington boots to be kept in school for bad weather and muddy play.
- Please ensure your child's reading book and reading record are sent in **every day**. Book change is **every Tuesday**.
- Please ensure all clothing items are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- We love learning outside and will open our outdoor area in all weathers, please make sure your child comes to school in a coat if it is raining so they can enjoy this fully!

