



St Mary's Nursery, Writhlington

Welcome to Autumn Term 1!
We hope you all had a lovely summer.

We are very proud of how all of the new children have settled in, and it's lovely to see some familiar faces too!

Topic

Our topic this term is
'Ourselves & Our Families'.



We will be learning all about ourselves and our families. We will be printing our handprints and creating self-portraits and family trees together!

What does my child need during a nursery session?

- book bag and reading record
- **at least** one set of spare uniform, including socks please!
- nappies & wipes if toilet training
- bottle filled with **water only**
- a waterproof coat/sun hat (weather dependent)
- during hot weather, please ensure sun cream is applied to your child **before** their nursery session – thank you.
- wellies & all in one wet weather suit that can stay at nursery please!

Please ensure all items are clearly labelled!

Lunches

Please do not allow your child to bring any chocolate or sweets in their lunchbox – we are a healthy school, and we want to encourage healthy eating – thank you! Alternatively, you can now order a hot school dinner via SwiftKitchen. They are £2.60 per meal unless you are entitled to Free School Meals. If you think you may be entitled, please speak to a member of staff for more information.

Phonics

This year in phonics, we are offering the children a range of different activities with a real focus on building vocabulary.

This term, all children will be invited to play listening and attention games involving environmental sounds and body percussion. These activities as they are fun and playful, and they enhance learning. From Term 2, we will be introducing 'Little Wandle Letters & Sounds'.

As part of phonics, we always learn a nursery rhyme each week, and this term we will be learning 'If You're Happy & You Know It', 'Wind the Bobbin Up', 'Head, Shoulders, Knees & Toes' and many more. We encourage the children to share these rhymes with you at home, so please support them by singing along too!

Literacy

We will be sharing a number of key texts this term. The children really enjoy our 'together time' on the carpet, and so do the practitioners! The key texts this term are 'Owl Babies', 'Families', 'Hello World! My Body', 'Together We Can', 'Families, Families, Families', 'Goodnight Veggies' and 'Room on the Broom'.

Reading

This week, we will be issuing your child with a reading book and a reading record (just like they will have at school). We share these books together at nursery at least once a week, and we invite you to share this book at home with your child, talking about the pictures and learning new words. They are **not** expected to read the book, or the words inside of the reading record (although some may want to and may be able to!). Please ensure your child is bringing their reading record and book to **every** session they attend. We will change their books every week and your child will get to choose the book. This is the beginning of their exciting reading journey.

Other Information

During this term, we will be learning all about different families. If possible, please can you send your child into nursery with a photo of their family by Monday 5th of October. These photographs will be returned to you at the end of the term. Thank you!

More information regarding our Harvest Celebration and 'Parents/Key Practitioner' meetings coming soon.

Mathematics

In Maths this term, we will be learning about matching and sorting. We also learn a number song each week. Listen out for '10 in the Bed', 'Clap Clap Hands, 1, 2, 3', 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star', '1 Finger, 1 Thumb', '5 Little Apples' and '10 Tall Fingers'. The children really enjoy singing and acting out the songs!

Class Dojo

Thank you to (almost) everyone for signing up to Class Dojo. If you haven't yet – please ensure that you do as soon as possible (and if you need some help, please speak to one of us)!

ClassDojo is a simple and safe app that helps us share your child's special moments and learning with you.

Through ClassDojo, you will be able to:

- See photos and updates of what the children are learning in Nursery.
- Receive any reminders and important information.
- Communicate directly with Abbie through messages.

Nursery is such a special stage in your child's learning journey, and ClassDojo allows you to see what they are doing at school. We will be aiming to post some photos and a summary of our learning, weekly.

Outdoor Learning

As always, Caterpillars will be spending a lot of time in the great outdoors. Once our new children have settled in, we will be outside in the conservation area a few times a week (on the school grounds) and taking part in 'forest school' based activities. These include stories, exploration, nature trails and even a small campfire! We request that all children come with the appropriate clothing (wellies, wet weather suit, spare clothes) – we are aiming to go outside in all weather conditions!

