



Curriculum Newsletter for Nursery Autumn 1 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first half term of the year. This will be a busy half-term for the children; they will be settling into their new classes and getting to know the adults working with them. We would like to share our Curriculum overview with you and some key dates for this half term.

Book Bags Children will have the opportunity to take a book home

Our Topic for this half term is **The world.**

Please take a look at our Curriculum Map for this half term.

In **Writing** we will be focussing on making shapes and mark making with control. We will start writing our names.

In **Phonics** we will be finding rhyming words and carrying on rhyming strings. We will group objects that have the same first sound.

In **Reading**, we will be learning new vocabulary from stories. We will also be talking about parts of stories we remember.

In **Maths**, the key skills we will focus on are counting and recognising numbers.

We will be starting count jumps, claps and sounds as well as numbers. We will be counting out amounts from larger groups and how many are in a group.

We will be learning to recognise our numbers and beginning to put them in order.

In **Jewish Studies** we will be focussing on the upcoming festivals. We will be learning songs related to the festivals, and key vocabulary related to the upcoming holy days. We will be learning about the traditions and rituals of each festival.

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Education**, we will be focussing on settling into the routine of the class. We will be practising sharing, and asking for resources we want. We will be focussing on following shared rules.

In **Physical Development** we will be focusing on our fine motor skills. We will be learning to control 1 handed tools and scissors. We will talking about what food to eat to keep healthy. We will be practising moving in different ways such as jumping and hopping.

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In **Expressive Arts and Design** We will begin using different materials to make marks. We will be making self-portraits with different media such as pastels, paint, and chalk. We will be exploring model making with junk and construction materials.

In **Understanding and Knowledge of the world**, we will be focusing on heritage and what makes our family special. We will celebrate the languages we speak, our beliefs and religions, and our families.

In **Communication and Language** we will be focusing on asking and answering simple questions. We will be giving others our opinions, and talking about likes and dislikes.

We will also practise communicating to solve disputes and problems with others.