

# Nursery Class Newsletter

## September 2021

Welcome to the Nursery newsletter. We hope that all the families of Nythe Primary and Nursery School have had a fantastic summer. We would also like to warmly welcome the new families starting in the nursery. It has been nice meeting you all during the stay and plays.

Each short term, a Nursery newsletter is sent out to parents to inform you of all the lovely things the children have been learning in Nursery, what they will be learning next and any messages. Please remember to check your emails for letters from the school. If you are not receiving any emails from the school, please check with the office that they have your correct details.

### New School Year

It has been great welcoming back the children to Nursery. The children have already quickly settled back into the routines of Nursery and are enjoying some new areas of learning in the classroom.



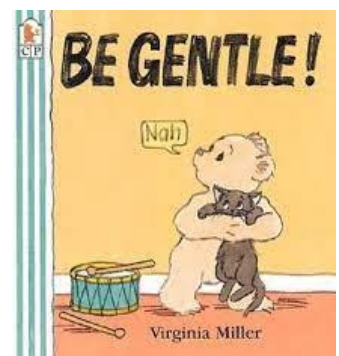
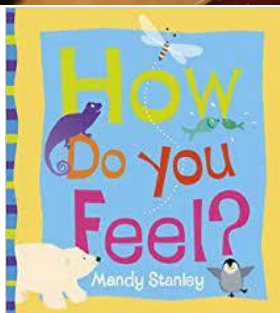
The Sensory Room has been installed with a twinkling carpet, bubble tube, projector and talking cube. The children get to enjoy this room in small groups or 1 to 1.

The children have also been enjoying the Funky Fingers Table, where they develop their fine motor movements through playdough, threading, cutting and other fine motor activities.



### Term 1

This term we have started with settling the children into routines of Nursery. We have started with sharing social stories to remind and teach children about the rules and routines of the classroom.





Our first topic of the year will be 'Families'. We will begin by sharing stories about different families and looking at photos. Please help us by sending in photo of your child's family that we can share and display in class.



We will also be celebrating Harvest festival with the children. Please look out for further information.

### Rhyme Times

Children will take part in a Rhyme Time a few times a week. This term, the children will be learning the following nursery rhymes.

- Finger Family
- This Little Piggy Went to Market
- Autumn Leaves are Falling Down
- The Hokey Pokey
- Rock/Hush a Bye Baby
- Head, Shoulders Knees And Toes

N1 children will also be learning a weather song whilst the N2 children will learn the days of the week song.

Have a look at the BBC Teach website for lots of nursery rhymes to learn. Here is the link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-songs-index/zhwdgwx>



### Communication and Language

Supporting the development of children's spoken language is a prime area of the Early Years curriculum. Over this term, all children will be working on developing their listening and attention, as these are the foundations for speaking. N1 children will take part in daily speech and language activities, whilst N2 will develop this in phonics.

Here is a photo of a new display in class called The Word Tree. This tree is a celebration of all the new words and sentences children use in the nursery and at home. Help us to fill the tree by filling in a tag - write down the child's name, the date and the

new word or sentence they are using on to the tag. We will then celebrate the new words during carpet time and display them on The Word Tree. We be sending the tags home shortly.



### Phonics

The N2 children will take part in daily Phonics activities at Nursery. We follow Letters and Sounds Phase 1. This term, we are working on Aspect 1 environmental sounds. During the sessions, children will develop their listening skills.

To support at home you can do the following activities:

- **Listening Walk:** Ask them to listen for different sounds on the way home or around the home. Together you could record and make a list of the sounds you identified and bring in to share with the class.
- **Listening Moment:** When settling your child in bed, play the listening game with them. Listening to sounds around the home. You might use a clock or a sand timer to time the moment.

### Maths

This term in Maths, the N2 children will be learning to compare and recognise changes in numbers of things, using words like more, lots or 'same'. We will be practicing to orally count in order to 5 and will begin to take notice of numerals in the environment. We will be doing this through playing alongside the children, singing nursery rhymes and lots of active Maths, such as counting claps, jump or bugs in the garden.

To support your child at home you could do the following activities:

- Point out numbers when you are walking around. Concentrate on spotting numbers 1 to 3 to begin with and, as their confidence grows, increase to include 4 and 5.
- Count everything, such as steps as you are walking, bubbles in the bath, carrots on a plate, toy cars on the floor when tidying...
- Model counting with your fingers to your child.



## Wow Moments

Shortly your child will come home with a set of Wow Moment cards. Please fill these out when your child learns to do something new or follows one of the school values. The school values are:



**Responsible Robin**  
I am a responsible citizen.



**Respectful Raven**  
I am respectful of others.



**Persistent Peacock**  
I never give up.



**Safe Sparrow**  
I keep myself and others safe.



**Friendly Falcon**  
I am a good friend.



**Confident Cuckoo**  
I embrace change.

We will then celebrate these Wow Moments in class.

**General Reminders**

**Home Link Books-** Now we are able to have chats on the door and face-to-face meetings, we will not be using the Home Link Books any more. Please talk to us on the door if you have any messages or email/call the office.

**Change of Clothes-** In Nursery, we like to be adventurous and will often get a little messy. With this in mind, please send in a set of spare clothes, such as trousers, socks, pants and top for your child.

**Wellingtons-** We have an amazing garden with a sand pit, water tray, grass and lots of mud. Please bring in a pair of wellies for your child to be left in Nursery. Your child will need these, especially for rainy days.

**Donations-** If you are having a clear out, please consider donating items to the Early Years department. Please speak to a staff member if you might have something to donate. Some of the items we are in need of are as follows:

- Boy's joggers
- Boy's socks
- Old Technology- old phones, keyboards, cameras, clocks or games controllers.
- Toys for the garden.

Please remember if you have any queries about your child please speak to a member of staff, email or call the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Robbins, Miss Foster, Miss Widdowson and Mrs Carter.