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Nursery Daisies Newsletter – Autumn 2

Welcome

Welcome back. I hope you have all had a restful break! We are now into our second autumn term, which will lead us up to Christmas. Our new topic is entitled 'Let's Celebrate,' where we will explore Bonfire Night, Remembrance, Birthdays, Weddings, and Christmas. Here is what we will be up to.



Phonics

Early phonics sessions will take place throughout this term. We will begin by exploring **initial sounds**, helping the children to recognise and identify the first sound they hear in words. The sounds we will focus on this term are **s, a, t, i, n, and p**.

Each weekly session will be **play-based and interactive**, using a variety of games and activities to encourage participation and engagement. There will also be a dedicated phonics area within the classroom, allowing children to practise and reinforce their learning independently through carefully planned activities.

Literacy

This term, we will enjoy sharing a range of stories and information texts to help develop the children's vocabulary and communication skills. Together, we will talk about characters, explore their feelings and emotions, and encourage the children to ask and answer questions about the stories we

read. Some of the wonderful books we will be sharing include **The Scarecrow's Wedding**, **Kipper's Birthday**, and **The Nativity Story**. 📚✨

Maths

This term, we will continue to develop our **subitising** and counting skills through a range of practical and engaging activities. We will also be exploring **shape**, linking our learning to our topic by looking at the shapes we can see in fireworks. The children will have opportunities to identify and explore a variety of **2D and simple 3D shapes** through play-based activities and hands-on experiences.

Communication and language



This term, we will encourage the children to listen carefully and talk about their learning their thoughts and ideas with others. We will support them in expressing their feelings and experiences using clear, full sentences. Our **'Let's Celebrate'** topic provides lots of opportunities for the children to talk about their own family traditions and special celebrations, helping them to build confidence in speaking and listening while learning from one another.

Personal, social and emotional development



This term, we will continue to support the children in building positive relationships with both their peers and the adults in Daisies Class. We will help them to become more confident in following our nursery routines and developing an understanding of both the school and class rules.

We will also encourage the children to become increasingly independent in their everyday activities, such as putting on their coats, managing their belongings, choosing resources, tidying away after themselves, and taking care of their personal needs. We will celebrate their achievements and growing confidence as they develop these important life skills.

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Physical development



This term, we will continue to provide a range of activities to develop the children's **fine motor skills**, helping to build the strength and control needed for mark-making and early letter formation. Through fun, hands-on experiences, we will be exploring **lines and circles**, linking our learning to **Kinetic Letters** and our **Expressive Arts and Design (EAD)** activities. These key movements and shapes will be a particular focus throughout the term as we support the children in developing their confidence and control when drawing and creating.

Understanding the world

We will begin our new topic with a focus on **Bonfire Night** and fireworks, exploring why and how people celebrate this special event. As the term progresses, we will learn about other celebrations, including **birthdays, weddings and Christmas**, through stories, adult-led activities, and exciting opportunities for independent learning throughout the nursery environment.

To bring our learning to life, the children will take part in a variety of celebrations and parties within our nursery, helping them to deepen their understanding of different traditions and special occasions while creating lots of happy memories together.

Helping your child learn at home



We really value your support in helping your child develop their independence. Encouraging them to put on and take off their own coat and shoes at home can make a big difference to their confidence. We have been practising the **coat flip** at Nursery and would love the children to keep showing off this skill at home too!

Sharing books together is a wonderful way to support your child's learning. Enjoying stories, talking about the pictures, and discussing what might happen next all help to develop language, vocabulary, and a love of reading.

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You can also help by encouraging your child to recognise, sort, and count numbers to **5 and 10** through everyday activities and play. Counting toys, snacks, steps, or objects on a walk are all great ways to make learning fun and meaningful. Thank you for your continued support.







Rewards

The children will receive 'class dojos' as rewards for good behaviour, work and attitude.



Class information

Class Teacher: Mrs Gemma Smart

Supported by: Miss Katherine Harvey, Miss Sabrina Cameron and Mrs Thirza O'Boyle.

As we continue to encourage independence, please help your child to remember that toys are best kept at home. This helps us to avoid any upset if special items are lost or damaged and allows everyone to focus on their learning and play with Nursery resources.

Please make sure that **all clothing and belongings are clearly named**, as this helps us to return any misplaced items quickly.

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We kindly ask that your child brings a **named water bottle** to Nursery every day, along with a **named lunch bag or lunch box** if they stay for lunch.

If your child has a packed lunch, please remember that we are a **honey and nut-free school** and ask that no food containing nuts is included.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Monday 2nd November - School reopens for pupils

Tuesday 3rd November – 2027 Reception Intake Tour - 4pm

Thursday 5th November - Book & Biscuit session - 2.40pm - KS1

W/B Monday 9th November – Y2 PiXL Week

W/B Monday 9th November – Y6 PiXL Week



Wednesday 11th November - Remembrance Day

ay 13th November - Children in Need Day (Mufti-Day)

W/B Monday 16th November - Anti-Bullying Week

W/B Monday 16th November – Road Safety Week

Monday 16th November - Odd Socks Day



W/B Monday 23rd November – UK Parliament Week

Wednesday 2nd December - Wednesday 9th December - Book Fair

Thursday 3rd December – Pupil Leadership Team visit to Houses of Parliament

Monday 7th December - KS1 Christmas Performance - 2pm

Tuesday 8th December –– Choir and Instrumental Recitals (Gillian Farmer) 9.15am &

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Y4 Ukelele Concert – 2.30pm

Wednesday 9th December – KS1 Christmas Performance – 9.15am

Wednesday 9th December – Reception Christmas Performance – 2pm

Thursday 10th December – Reception Christmas Performance – 9.15am

Thursday 10th December – Christmas Dinner Day/ Christmas Jumper

Thursday 10th December – Christmas Fayre / Father Christmas - 3.15pm

Friday 11th December – Nursery Christmas Sing-Along – 9:15am and party day (am & pm)

Monday 14th December – Rock Steady Concert – 2pm

Tuesday 15th December LKS2 (Y3&4) Christmas Concert – 2pm

Wednesday 16th December – UKS2 (Y5&6) Christmas Concert - 2pm

Friday 18th December – House Assembly

Friday 18th December - School closes to pupils for Christmas

