

Nightingale Primary School Curriculum Newsletter



Early Years - Autumn Term

Welcome to our Autumn newsletter. You will find below an overview of some of the exciting learning opportunities that will be taking place in our Early Years Foundations Stage over the Autumn term.

We look forward to getting to know your children and introducing them to our school, as well as building on their new relationships and friendships.

Autumn 1

Reading

The children will begin learning their 'Red Words' (words that cannot be sounded out), and recognising their own names. We will be focusing on rhyme and alliteration as well as hearing initial sounds in words. We will begin teaching Set 1 sounds using our RWI Phonics scheme.

Writing

The children will be learning to write their names by using their new name cards to copy or trace.

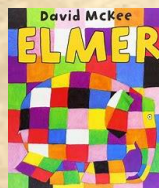
We will be teaching the children how to hold a pencil and learning our how to form letters. The children will begin to write initial sounds.

Maths

In Maths we will be completing our Baseline Assessments. We will focus on counting, number recognition 0-10 and rote counting to 20.

We will be using Numberblocks to aid in our teaching of number. The children will learn how to 'subitise' – say the amount don't count.

Getting to Know Me



PSHE

Being Me in My World –

Looking at how we have grown and what we may grow up to be. As well as looking at our families and how they might be different to others.

PE

Introduction to PE and expectations.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will be learning how to use our creative areas, exploring different materials such as paint, pastels and chalk. The children will learn how to join materials together such as using tape or glue.

Understanding the world

We will be exploring Autumnal and seasonal changes. The children will be discussing past and present events in their own lives. The children will talk about members of their immediate family and community.

Autumn 2

Writing

The children will be learning how to break up spoken words into individual sounds. The children will be taught how to write the letters for the sounds they are taught. They will also be learning to spell some of their 'red' words and their own names from memory.

Reading

The children will be learning to blend individual spoken sounds together to hear words e.g. c-a-t = cat. The children will be taught the sounds that are made by the letters of the alphabet. The children will be continuing to learn their red words.

Maths

Numbers 1-10 in depth. How each number can be made using other numbers (addition and subtraction) and associated number facts such as doubles and halves. Basic shapes and their properties.

Let's Celebrate!



PSHE

Celebrating Difference - the children will understand that everyone is different and that we should celebrate our differences.

PE

Dance
Movement to Music

Understanding the world

We will be continuing to explore light sources and will begin looking at seasonal change. Light in celebrations – Diwali, fireworks night, birthdays and Christmas. Using paint programmes on the computers/Ipads.

Expressive Arts and Design

Colour mixing.
Pattern.
Combining materials.
Christmas inspired dance and singing.

Home Learning

Phonics and Reading:

Please begin to support your child in practising writing their names, learning their letter sounds and reading their red words in their Red Word booklets.

Reading books and Oxford Owl logins will go home once the children have learnt their Set 1 sounds.

Number:

Please count to 20 with your child and help them to recognise the numbers 0-10. Your child will be assigned a Numbots account login. Please log in to this to access this weekly with your child to build on their number skills.

Library

Both classes have Library sessions on **Wednesdays**.

Please ensure your child's library book is returned to school on Tuesdays.

PE

Kingfisher – **Wednesday**
Woodpecker – **Thursday**

On PE days your child needs to come to school wearing their PE kit – trainers, black shorts, house colour/white t-shirt.

Forest Friday

On Friday afternoons a group of our children will spend the afternoon enjoying a forest session in our Woodland Walk. Please check Class Dojo to know when it is your child's turn.

Meet our Early Years Team ...



Early Years Leader
Woodpecker Teacher
(Mon-Wed)



Woodpecker Teacher
(Mon-Wed)



Kingfisher Teacher



Woodpecker Learning Coach
(HTLA)



Kingfisher Learning Coach
(Speech & Language)

Miss Starr and Mr Dow are our additional Learning Coaches.