

Welcome to All Saints Nursery. Each half term you will receive a newsletter letting you know some of the things your child will be learning and how we teach in the Foundation Stage. We hope you find them helpful. Over the next few weeks, as we get to know your children, we will be completing a baseline assessment of where the children are now and we will use this to plan activities that will interest and challenge the children. We will be continually observing the children and recording observations on Tapestry assessment tool and, after the curriculum evening on 16th October, you will be given a login to see these observations, comment on them and add your own.

Over the next half term we will be thinking about the story "Goldilocks and the three bears". Through this story we will be concentrating on the children themselves; what they like to do and their families. We will be thinking about how we treat our friends and what we should do to say 'sorry' if we make mistakes. We will learn about the similarities and differences between our friends and ourselves. If your child would like to bring in anything relating to the topic, we would love to share them.

In our Literacy sessions we will be focussing on recognising our name and attempting to copy it. We will be looking at and sharing many books and favourite stories over the next few weeks. We will focus around the Goldilocks story and the different versions that we can find in our classroom.

Each week children will be given a chance to choose their own library book from our classroom to share with you at home - please make sure they are returned as we only have a limited number of books. Parents or familiar adults are invited to join us for these library session on a Tuesday at 11.40.



If your child has any favourite books from home we would love to share them in class. Please do pop your child's name on them to ensure they are returned.

Songs & Sounds: Throughout the year we will be following Phase 1 of the DfE's Letters and Sounds programme. We will be identifying and copying sounds, using rhythm and rhyme in our favourite songs, playing with alliteration and beginning to verbally blend and sequence sounds into words. We will concentrate on a new sound each week and will send home a 'sound folder' to reinforce our learning. On a Friday we would like the children to bring in an object starting with that sound to share with the class. The sounds for this half term are s, a, t, p, i and n.



During our Number session we will be looking at counting and recognising numbers firstly to 5 and then to 10. Our sessions will be very practical and hands-on using a number of resources including Numicon, Duplo bricks, beads, counters, Compare Bears and others. We will be looking at the numerals and learning how to recognise them and to match them to the right amount.

We will also be looking at different sized objects and ordering them. Using sand and water, we will begin to explore volume and capacity.

We will have a focussed PE session on a Tuesday morning and eventually the children will be getting changed into their full PE kit. Please can you help this process by practising taking off and putting on clothes at home and by making sure the labelled PE kit is in school on a Tuesday.

Each Thursday we will focus on our knowledge of the World, especially through planting and tending the Nursery garden and cooking in our dining room. Unfortunately the resources and ingredients for these activities add up, so we do ask for a **voluntary contribution of £3 a term**.

We hope you and your child have a great half term with us and please feel free to come and speak to us about any questions you may have.

Mrs McFarlane and Mrs Rogers

Dates for your Diary - more dates maybe added during the term so please keep checking your child's book bag and our class notice board.

Week beginning 10th September	Settling in to the new class. We will focus on recognising and playing with our names and learning what kind and helpful things our hands can do and make.
Week beginning 17th September	We will continue to settle your children into their new class, including being to use our online Learning Journals. Parents are invited to a short introduction to the Tapestry App on Wednesday morning at 8.50 in the Nursery.
Week beginning 24th September	The story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears Listening to the story of Goldilocks and making up actions to go with our Goldilocks song
Week beginning 1st October	The 3 Bears Family Our own families and how each of us is different and special. All parents will be welcome to attend a 'Stay & Play' session from 9-10am during the week.
Week beginning 8th October	Birthdays Organising a birthday party for Ted on Friday.
Week beginning 15th October	Harvest We will be learning about the importance of food and shelter through fun games during a 'Harvest Messy Play' morning on Tuesday and making porridge on Thursday
Week beginning 22nd October	Autumn Parents are invited to a Foundation Stage curriculum evening to support development through Nursery on 22nd October at 6:30pm.
More information on all events to follow.	

# Acorns Nursery

## Newsletter



# Goldilocks and the Three Bears



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