

Welcome to All Saints Nursery. Each 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 the Tapestry assessment tool and you will be given your own login to see these observations, comment on them and add your own.

Over the next half term we will be thinking about our favourite stories and traditional tales, including "Goldilocks and the Three Bears", "The Three Little Pigs" and "The Little Red Hen". Through these stories we will be concentrating on the children themselves; what they like to do and talking about their families. We will be thinking about how we treat our friends and how we can say 'sorry' if we make mistakes. The children will work together to make bread and will learn how to share resources and toys. We will learn about the similarities and differences between ourselves and others.

After the half Term holiday we will be concentrating on Celebration - looking at the way different people celebrate Bonfire Night, Divali and later Christmas. We will use the festivals as a focus for different art techniques and creative activities. We will be trying different foods and exploring different traditions. We will learn lots of Christmas songs and perform a special Nativity Story for our families to enjoy.

In our Literacy sessions we will be focussing on recognising our name and beginning to use marks to label our work. We will be looking at and sharing books and favourite stories over the next few weeks. We will be looking at different versions of the traditional tales and identifying similarities and differences between them

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 spoken sounds, using rhythm and rhyme in our favourite songs, playing with alliteration and beginning to recognise and copy the corresponding letter. We will concentrate on practicing our listening skills and focussing on developing these skills through listening walks, games and nursery rhymes.

During our Number session we will be looking at counting and recognising numbers firstly to 3 and then to 5. 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.

Each Thursday we will focus on our Knowledge of the World, especially through planting and tending the Nursery garden and cooking. We will learn about good hygiene when cooking and start to learn key skills for preparing food, including spreading, mixing, kneading and rolling. We will try some different foods and start to learn how to express our preferences for them.

Physical Education

We will begin to have our PE sessions on a Tuesday this term. Please can children come in in their PE kits on a Tuesday morning. We will be focussing on our skills of control initially on the floor using mats and working towards movements on the big apparatus.

As the children become more settled into school routines we will start to explore the outside with a Forest School session every Friday. Please can children bring in welly boots for these sessions so that they stay dry and warm

As the weather can be unpredictable, please make sure your child has a warm waterproof coat in school everyday - as well as hats, scarves and gloves for cold days and welly boots if it is wet or snowy. We try to use our outside areas everyday and the children love experiencing everything the British climate throws at us!

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

Mrs McFarlane and Miss D

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Our Favourite Stories and Celebrations

All Saints CE School and Nursery,

Bishop's Stortford