



Nursery 2023 Autumn Term 1

Welcome

We would like to welcome all our families to Nursery. We really look forward to working with you and your children over the coming months. The children have been settling into their new surroundings, building new relationships and learning new routines. They have made an incredible start! We are excited by the potential they have shown already and are looking forward to our learning journey together.

Curriculum

Following the EYFS framework our curriculum is planned to support your unique child's needs and interests. We also base learning experiences around the seasons, using rhymes and stories inside and out to encourage children to notice, enquire and develop their natural curiosity. Our first enquiry based question is 'I wonder why the leaves are falling'.

Communication and Language

Listening and responding to ideas expressed by others in conversation or discussion.
Listening attentively to stories, anticipating key events and commenting on what they have heard.
Maintaining attention, concentration and sitting quietly during small group carpet time.
Developing talk and new vocabulary through play.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Being a good friend.
Turn taking and sharing.
Expressing our feelings.
Using our manners.
Being good at tidying up and looking after our environment.
How to stay safe and healthy.
School Value: **Be Kind**

How can you help?

Children will take two library books home each Friday please read and discuss the story with your child. After asking questions about the story, ask your child what they saw, what happened, and what could happen next.
Helping your child to form letter shapes from their name. To control the pencil holding it correctly.

Encouraging them to notice colours, shapes, features and things that match. Talking about amounts, sizes and comparing.

Talk with your child about what they see around them. Go for walks, collect acorns, conkers and leaves. Ask them how things feel and wonder what can they hear? Chat and encourage them to talk as much as possible.

Physical Development

Develop their movement, balancing, riding (scooters, trikes and bikes) and ball skills.
Using a pencil and other tools effectively.
Considering ways to keep healthy and safe, eat healthy foods and look after our bodies.
Developing how to manage basic hygiene and personal care needs themselves successfully, including dressing and going to the toilet.

Literacy

Phase 1 phonics begins daily with developing listening skills, then moving onto hearing words that rhyme.
We will read, share and enjoy new and familiar stories.
Begin to take part in fine motor skills activities, so that they can gain control when writing, drawing and painting.
Recognise their name and begin to form letters.

Mathematics

Noticing - Making them aware of maths around them.
Commenting on features and shapes.
Naming and matching items.
Sorting objects, into chosen groups and groups of the children's choosing.
Comparing amounts
Comparing sizes.

Understanding the World

Notice, talk about and celebrate difference.
Develop their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.
Notice changes in the natural world.
Learning about ourselves and our families. Learning about other families customs and celebrations.

Expressive Arts and Design How to use paintbrushes, pencils, pens and modelling materials effectively.
Exploring the work of Van Gogh. Mixing colours. Rhythm in music and dance.

Using various materials to make, draw and their own masterpieces.
Songs, Nursery Rhymes and favourite tunes.

Nursery Autumn 1 Core Texts



Outdoor Learning

Lots of our learning takes place outside. Therefore, we ask that your child wears suitable clothing (weather dependent) including welly boots. We do go out all weathers and want your children to be able to learn and explore the outdoors as much as possible.

News from Home

Please use the email below to send us photos or short video clips of special family events, days out, walks in the park, paintings and models. We will then share these with the class. It is a great opportunity to promote children's confidence when speaking to their peers and helps us to further understand your unique child.

Children's Belongings

Please ensure all items are clearly labelled to minimise the chance of things being lost. This includes hats and gloves in the winter. Please also send your child with a spare change of clothes incase of accidents.

Book Bags

Sorry for the delay. Book bags are on order and will be with you soon. When they arrive please use them daily. Your child will regularly bring their drawings and paintings home and they help to carefully store their school library books.

Save the Date!!!

On Friday 20th November join us for our first class assembly at 9am where we will share our learning with you. An event not to be missed!

Nursery class email

nursery@colneyheath.herts.sch.uk

Do get in touch if you have any questions or feel you have important information you wish to share. Please use the Nursery email above to communicate with us. In order for this to be an effective way of communicating with you, please send an email, from the address you wish to use, so that we are able to contact you when needed. Please include your child's name in the subject and I can add you to the class address book. Please be aware that important information that is relevant for same-day things, e.g. dentist/doctor appointments / pick-up arrangements / details about equipment etc, should be notified to the office, as the class email address may not be checked during that working day. We will try to respond to emails as soon as possible, and within 48 hours during the working week.

Donations

Alongside the school fruit for snack we also like to offer another snack such as crackers, toast, breadsticks etc, and we ask for a small, voluntary contribution of up to £2 per half term to provide for this. Your support also enables us to do extra activities such as baking, tasting different food, growing etc. Please can any donations be handed to one of the Nursery team. Thank you.

Keeping up to date

Please do check the class pages section on the school website for current information, including photos of the children's learning in action. Please also read the newsletter to get involved in school wide events, supporting your child and school together. Thank you for your support in advance of a wonderful year ahead. Miss Turfrey & Mrs Osborne.