

Communication and language (Prime)

We will be encouraging the children to talk about the variety of fruit and vegetables that we will see around nursery. We will be encouraging the children to use prepositional language to find hidden fruit and vegetables. We will also be developing children's vocabulary to describe the colour, texture, smell and taste of fruit and vegetables.

What you can do to help?

Look at our notice board which has information about 'Walk and Talk'. This is a Lancashire initiative to support communication with our families. Please feel free to take a bingo card and/or an activity card. We just ask that you return these when you have finished with them. These cards are also available in Bengali, Gujarati, Polish, Ukrainian and Urdu. Please just ask.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (Prime)

We will be welcoming seven new children into the nursery this half term. We will continue to support the children to share and take turns with their peers and encourage them to develop their independence.

What you can do to help?

Encourage your child to put their coat on by themselves and zip it up.

Play some simple turn taking games with your child such as snap or catch.

The weather may be getting colder, please feel free to leave a fleece on your child's peg so they can add an extra layer in nursery if needed - please label!

Maths (Specific)



This half term we will be focusing on the recognition of numerals to 10, we will also be talking about how a group changes when we add or take away an item.

We will be looking at patterns and making a variety of patterns using fruit and vegetables.

What can you do to help?

Talk to your children about numerals that they might see out and about. Can they think of the number that comes after it when counting?

Talk to your children about any patterns that you may have in your home e.g. wall paper, rugs, items of clothing.

Physical Development (Prime)

This half term we will continue to develop our gross and fine motor skills. We will take part in planned physical sessions in the hall where we will play a number of active games. We will continue to have daily finger gym activities, these will include lots of fruit and vegetables. We will be talking about healthy foods and which fruits and vegetables we like and don't like. We will do some taste testing. Forest schools will also continue every Monday.

What you can do to help?

Encourage your children to try a variety of vegetables and fruit, which do they like? If you have any fruit/veg that you are going to throw out, please donate to school for this half term for a number of activities.

St Thomas the Martyr
Nursery
Spring 1 – Supertato

Expressive Arts and Design (Specific)

We will be creating our own superheroes this half term, we will use a variety of different forms to create these. We will also create our own superhero theme using a variety of musical instruments.

What can you do to help?

Help your child to create a superhero name in time for superhero day!

Understanding the world (specific)

This half term we will be learning all about our friends, what makes a good friend and how we can be a good friend. We will listen to the story of Ruth and Naomi from The Bible. We will also learn about Jesus and his 12 special friends called Disciples.

What can you do to help?

Talk to your child about how they can be a good friend at home and in school.

Literacy (Specific)

Our author for this half term is Sue Hendra, our main focus will be her Supertato books. We will be encouraging the children to focus on the main aspects within the stories, predicting what might happen next and re-telling these stories within their play.

Our phonics focus for this half term will be alliteration and oral blending and segmenting.

What can you do to help? Play simple 'I spy' games with your children to emphasise the initial sounds within words.

Take part in our 'Book Swap' - ask Mrs Christy for more information.

Thank you!!

Thank you very much for all your kind gifts and Christmas cards, we hope that you have had a lovely relaxing Christmas.

We would like to wish you all the very best for 2023!

Welcome

We would like to welcome seven new children and their families into our nursery – Lottie, Olivia, Jaxon, Vinny, Violet and Cado.

Key Dates for your Diary

Stay and Play – Friday 3rd February 2023 9am – 10.30am – all parents welcome to stay.

Superhero Day – Thursday 9th February 2023 – children can come to school dressed as their favourite superhero

School Closes on Thursday 9th February 2023

School opens on Monday 20th February 2023

If you do not yet have the school app, then please see Mrs Greenwood in the school office.

Reception September 2020

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2023, please ensure that you have completed your Lancashire school place online by 15th January 2023, you can use the link below.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>

If you need any help, then please do not hesitate to ask.

Clothing

As the cloakroom will be getting busier, we will be asking for your children's spare clothes and bags to be kept inside the nursery classroom. This is to ensure there is enough space for the children's coats, hats, scarves and gloves. Please make sure all items of your children's clothing are labelled.

P.E.

Please send your child in their P.E. kit every Friday

Changes

If there have been any changes to your phone number and/or address over Christmas, please can you let me know.

If there is anyone different collecting your child from nursery, please can you let me know.

Balance Bikes

Instead of Forest schools this half term, we will be introducing balance bikes to our children. Please send your child in suitable clothing and footwear to use the balance bikes every MONDAY.

Snack

Snack money is now due. Please pay £6.00 CASH only to the nursery staff by Friday 13th January, thank you.

If your child has any allergies, please let us know. If you have any ideas for snack, please let us know.

Book Swap

In the cloakroom you will see a book swap box, please feel free to take a book to share with your child. All we ask is that if you take a book and choose to keep it, please replace it with another one that is in good condition. If you would like to donate any books to the box, then please feel free to do so.