



# Curriculum Newsletter for Nursery

## Advent term 2026

### RE

We are currently learning about how God made the world, including us and our families! We are learning we are all part of God's family, and he welcomes us into the family through Baptism. These are some books you may wish to share at home - we are looking at these at school too. We then will focus on the 'Nativity' story.

The Jesus Story Book Bible Chapter 1 - 'A Perfect Home'

<https://youtu.be/LN-pV4yYIek>

When God Made You - Matthew Paul Turner

<https://youtu.be/RF90Pn6C-Ug>

### Maths

During Advent, children will explore numbers 1-4, develop one-to-one correspondence and begin to understand that counting tells us how many objects there are. Through number rhymes and songs, they will build confidence with counting and use language such as more and less when comparing amounts. Children will also explore simple patterns, learn about common 2D shapes, and use language such as tall and short. Through practical play, sorting activities and shape hunts, they will develop their understanding of number, shape and pattern.

### Literacy and Understanding the World

This term, Nursery will be exploring the enquiry question, "Who Am I?" Through stories, rhymes and play, children will develop their understanding of themselves, their families and the people who are important to them. They will celebrate what makes them unique, share their experiences and begin to understand their place within their family, nursery and school community. We will also explore the question, "What celebrations are special?" and explore Bonfire night, Diwali and Christmas. In Understanding the World, children will explore family photographs, talk about familiar routines and observe seasonal changes as Autumn begins.

**How you can help at home:** Talk with your child about their family, favourite activities and special memories. Looking at family photographs together can help children make meaningful connections with their learning.

**Phase 1 Phonics** activities take place daily, helping children develop the listening and communication skills needed for future reading and writing. Through songs, rhymes, stories and listening games, children will explore rhythm and rhyme, identify environmental sounds and develop their attention and listening skills. We will also enjoy daily story and rhyme sessions to foster a love of books and language.

### Expressive Arts and Design

The children are exploring their environment, and children will explore their creativity through painting, drawing, junk modelling and a range of hands-on creative experiences. They will create Autumn artwork, Christmas crafts and RE-inspired art linked to Advent and Christmas. They will also use small world and role-play experiences including the Nativity story and sing Nativity songs.

### Communication and

#### Language

This term, children will develop their listening and speaking skills through stories, songs, rhymes and conversations. They will learn new vocabulary linked to themselves, their families, feelings and celebrations, while building confidence to express their ideas and experiences.

### Physical Education

Children will develop their gross and fine motor skills through a range of active and practical experiences. They will build confidence in running, balancing, climbing and moving to music through PE dance sessions, outdoor play and gross motor activities. Children will also develop their hand muscles and coordination through Dough Disco, mark making, and clay modelling experiences.

### Personal, Social, and Emotional Development

This term, children will develop a positive sense of self as they explore the big question, "Who Am I?" They will learn about themselves, their families and the people who are important to them, helping them understand where they belong within their home, nursery and wider community. Through daily routines, special helper jobs and group activities, children will build confidence, learn to make choices and develop a sense of responsibility. They will practise sharing, turn-taking and working alongside others, while learning how to build positive friendships and show kindness and respect. Stories, role play and discussions will support children in recognising and talking about their feelings, as well as understanding the feelings of others.

