Nursery Autumn Term Curriculum Overview

A warm welcome to all Nursery families. We are delighted to begin this exciting journey with you and look forward to working with you throughout the year. This term will be filled with faith, learning, play and discovery as we help children grow in confidence, independence and curiosity.

† Religious Education In RE this term, children will begin to understand that they are special and loved by God. Throughout our work on Creation, the children will learn that God made the world and God made us. We will listen to Bible stories, join in prayer and celebrate Harvest. During Advent, we will learn that this is a special time of waiting and preparation for the birth of Jesus. As our class saint, Mary helps us learn about God's love, kindness and care for others, and we will explore her special role through stories, prayer and celebrations throughout the year.	**🌈 Magic Story Box** We will be emersed into Story World by the Magic Story Box. This half term, our focus text is *The Colour Monster Goes to School*. Children will follow Colour Monster as he starts school and experiences lots of different feelings. Through stories, role play, art and conversation, we will explore emotions, friendships, school routines and ways to help ourselves and others feel happy, safe and ready to learn. The story will support children in settling into Nursery, building positive relationships and developing confidence in their new school environment.
🤸 Physical Development We will develop gross motor skills through running, climbing, balancing and ball play. Our fine motor skills will be strengthened through mark making, sensory play, construction and by using small tools, such as scissors. We will learn how to cut our own food using a knife and fork.	**💬 Communication & Language** This term we will focus on developing the children's listening and attention skills. We will sing nursery rhymes and songs together, play listening games and share lots of stories. Children will learn new vocabulary and begin talking about familiar stories and experiences. Oracy strategies will support confidence when speaking.
📚 Literacy & Phonics This term we will focus on helping the children to develop a love of books and storytelling. We will learn the importance of handling books carefully and how to turn the pages one at a time independently. In phonics, we will focus on developing our listening skills by identifying sounds in the environment, distinguishing between instrumental sounds and learning how to make sounds using body percussion.	**🔢 Mathematics** We will begin this term by learning about colour. We will learn the names of different colours and will begin to match objects according to colour. We will then move onto sorting and grouping objects according to colour, size and shape, developing new mathematical language through exploration and play.
🎨 Expressive Arts & Design Children will begin to explore the range of materials and resources in the classroom to express their ideas. We will be creating rubbings using wax crayons and will explore our outdoor environment to create different effects. We will collect natural materials and arranging them to create a picture. We will make hanging ornaments using salt dough and will explore circles and repeated patterns. We will express our ideas using music and role play.	**🌍 Understanding the World** We will begin to talk about family, routines and familiar events. We will explore occupations, materials, weather, seasonal change and the natural world using all the senses.

How You Can Help At Home: Read regularly, share rhymes and songs, talk about daily experiences, encourage independence.