

Magical Me!

Nursery Autumn Term 1
2022/2023



Welcome to Nursery!

Throughout this half term we will be spending our sessions getting to know the children and building relationships with them. We will do this in many different ways and will be celebrating us, hence our topic of 'Magical Me!' During our carpet sessions, we are going to be learning about ourselves, our teachers, and each other.

We will start by looking at different features of our face, building on to our family, who lives in our homes, how we use our senses, how we grow and much more! In order to do this, we will use different key texts to support our understanding of who we are and each other whilst learning some key vocabulary. We will then finish our topic by learning about some important people in our school, and maybe being lucky to go and visit them in their office!

We will also be having lots of new friends join Nursery and we will be building friendships with these. During the day, we will have lots of time to explore our environment both inside and outside whilst ensuring we follow the Golden Rules at all times.

Our Golden Rules

At Nursery we have three main Golden Rules that we follow.

- Stay safe
- Look after toys
- Be kind and friendly

Children who follow the Golden Rules, might be lucky enough to be Nursery's 'Star of the Week!'



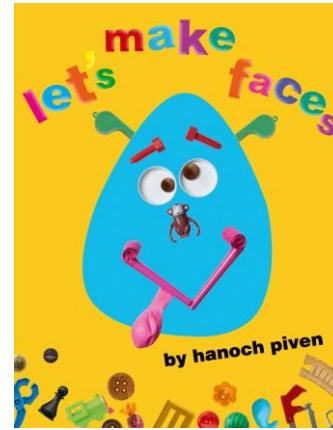
Daily Rhymes

Each day, we will sing a daily rhyme after our Maths Meeting. This may be a familiar nursery rhyme the children already know or something new that links closely to our topic.

This year, we are very excited to show you our Nursery Rhyme tiles! We will pick a Nursery Rhyme out of the basket to decide which rhyme we will sing!

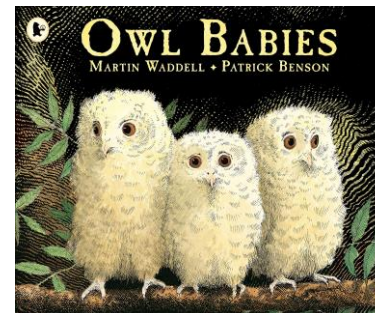


Key Texts



To enhance our learning this half term, we will be reading some key texts that link closely to our theme 'Magical Me'.

- We are Family
- The Colour Monster
- Let's Make Faces
 - Senses
 - Funny Bones
 - Owl Babies



Each story will support the activity the children will complete across the week. Here, children will be exposed to new key vocabulary that will be used regularly that week.



Communication & Language

This half term we are going to be spending our time becoming familiar with our teachers and peers name to encourage independent play. At Nursery, we have a big focus on children communicating with their friends in order to develop their speaking and listening skills. To do this, we are going to introduce our 'Time for Talk' cards, where we pick 1 question from the pot to answer.

During busy time, we will be practising waiting for our turn when listening to others and ensuring we listen to our peers when playing independently.

We will also following key, simple instructions to independence within the Nursery, such as 'put your coat on' or 'wash your hands'.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

To begin our time in Nursery, we will be settling into our environment and welcoming new friends in to play. We will be learning our Golden Rules and ensure that we follow this at all times. We will introduce different emotions, and how things make us feel to encourage the children to express them to adults.



Physical Development

We are looking forward to start our PE sessions in the hall! Here, we will be able to develop a range of key skills whilst playing games with our friends. In order to do this, we will need to follow simple instructions and work together as a team.

We are very lucky to have a large outside area which we can access everyday, in all weathers. We will be able to independently choose activities to develop our gross motor skills such as riding a bike, climbing, large mark making and much more!





Literacy

During our carpet sessions, we will begin our Phase 1 Phonics, using the Little Wandle scheme of work. Here, we will be playing lots of listening games to enhance the children's listening skills.

Everyday, we will share a story with the children. We will use the pictures as clues to predict what happens next. Children have access to a Reading Area throughout their day where they can go and choose a book to read.

At all times during their day, opportunities for mark making will be provided as well as a big Writing Area in the Nursery. Children can use different resources to mark make; chalk, whiteboards, paint, pencils, pens and more!



Understanding the World



This topic enables us to learn about ourselves, each other and our family members. During our carpet sessions, we will be encouraging the children to share their family and the people who are important to them with their peers. We will be creating a 'Family Gallery' display in Nursery, where children will draw their very own family portrait. We would love to see a family photo, that we can put next to their drawing for them to talk to their friends about their family.



Expressive Arts and Design

With a continued focus of communication, we will have a role play area as a Home Corner. There will be a kitchen area, a bedroom area and different resources to allow children to use their imagination and take on a different role. We will also have dressing up costumes to encourage the children to become a familiar character to enhance their play.

We will also have lots of daily rhymes that we will become familiar with.



Maths

Once a week, we will be having a maths carpet session where we will play games and have different activities to support their understanding of numbers to 5. The maths trolley will be provided with different resources that the children can access independently to enhance their skills; magnetic numbers, multi-link cubes, colour sorting, number puzzles and more!

