



Nursery News

Autumn 2

September 2025



Welcome to Nursery, Ladybirds Class.

Welcome back, we hope you all had a lovely half term and had a well-deserved rest. We are really looking forward to all the learning and fun we will have this next term!

Our focus stories for this half term are:

Busy Diwali, Campbell Books

Mixed, **Aree Chung**

Ugly Duckling, **Mara Alperin**

Dear Zoo, **Rod Campbell**

Dear Santa, **Rod Campbell**

We will be reading these stories lots and acting them out so the children have a good grasp of the language used. Please read them/watch them on YouTube with your child to support them with this.

Understanding the World

In the first week back, the children will have the opportunity to take part in a campfire. The children will learn about how Bonfire Night is celebrated. They will be using their senses to explore the fire and talk about what they are experiencing. In R.E. we will be looking at different celebrations and events. We will learn about Diwali and how it is celebrated. The children will learn about the story of Christmas.

In Phonics this half-term we will be helping the children to develop their listening skills by playing lots of games with noises and sounds. We will be beginning to learn to match and copy lots of sounds with our voices and bodies. You can help your child by talking about noises you can hear out and about, and playing sound guessing games. Please continue to support at home with the Super Sounds sheets.



MATHS

We will also be practising counting to 5 using nursery rhymes to help us such as '5 Little Speckled Frogs'.



KEY QUESTIONS

- How do people celebrate Christmas?
- How do people celebrate Diwali?
- How are we all different? How are we all unique?



At home you could...

- Talk about their daily routine at Nursery, helping to tidy up, being a kind friend and listening carefully.
 - Read any stories that your child is interested in! It doesn't matter what story it is as long as they are enjoying it! Feel free to bring in a favourite.
 - Draw a picture of themselves and their family. Bring it in to show us!
 - Write Practise writing their name if they are ready for it.
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- **Follow the class on ClassDojo for tips and challenges you can do at home.**



Which staff are in the Early Years Unit?

- Miss Cokkinos (Miss C), Nursery (Ladybirds) class teacher
- Mrs Wilson, Nursery support staff
- Mrs Norris, Reception (Bees) class teacher
- Mrs Dale, support staff
- Ms Archer, support staff



REMINDERS

Please remember to label all bags, jumpers, cardigans and coats with names. It really helps us! Finally, a request about footwear, if you are able to send your child in Velcro or buckle shoes this saves us a lot of precious learning time throughout the day from tying shoelaces! As always thanks in advance for your continued support.

Reading

Please continue to share stories together at home as this is so important and helps children develop pre-reading skills and a love of books.

Other key information and key dates for your diary:

- **Stay and Read**– every Wednesday morning you are invited to stay and share a story with your child until 9:00am. If your child attends in the afternoon, please come at 3.00pm – 3.20pm
- **Children In Need - 14th Nov**
- **Christmas dinner and Jolly Jumper Day - 10th December**
- **Nursery Christmas Sing-a-long to parents – 12th December**
- **Christmas party day - Monday 15th December**

Contacting the Nursery team

- We are at the classroom door at drop off and pick up times and are always happy to say hello or have a quick chat.
- Call the office to pass on a message or ask for a call back. 0115 9152953
- Follow us on the Class Dojo app, and keep an eye on the website and Facebook page, for up-to-date information and key messages.



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