

Useful ways to support learning at home:

Reading Information

We encourage you to read a story with your child every day - reading as part of your bedtime routine can help settle and calm children, ready for a good night's sleep. It can also engage them in reading for pleasure and help build their vocabulary. The children will be bringing home a library book for you to share together soon!

Recommended Reads for Nursery Children:

Becoming familiar with texts is important for young children as it fosters a love of books and begins to introduce the skills your child needs in order to begin reading. Below is a list of the books we will be focusing on this term:-

Where's Spot – Eric Hill

Dear Zoo – Rod Campbell

Lulu's First Day—Anna McQuinn

Incredible You – Rhys Brisenden

We will also be learning the nursery rhymes Hickory, Dickory, Dock and The Grand Old Duke of York.

Important Information / Dates:

- The children enjoy a variety of physical activities throughout the morning in our Outdoor Area. Once the children have settled, they will also have a weekly PE lesson. We will advise you of the day at a future date.
- On PE Day, children should arrive in PE kit - plain black shorts, plain purple t-shirt and Yewtree jumper or cardigan. Hair must be tied back and earrings removed. Please ensure children are only wearing trainers with velcro or slip-ons.

Online Learning:

At Yewtree Primary School our online learning platform for Nursery is Tapestry, the same platform used for our electronic learning journals. This can be accessed by going to

www.tapestryjournal.com

For Tapestry support please contact a member of Nursery staff

Contact Details

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Nursery Oak Autumn Term 1

Autumn 1 Dates

INSET Day: Friday 1st September 2023

School Starts: Monday 4th September 2023

Half Term: Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October 2023

INSET Day: Monday 30th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Yewtree Primary School. It has been lovely getting to know you and your children, and thank you for being patient with us as we continue to settle them into the Nursery routines. All the children are enjoying exploring their new classroom and the outdoor area. It has also been lovely watching them start to interact with their peers.

Once the children have settled and routines have been established, we will focus on the this half term's themes — learning about 'Ourselves' and finding out what makes us special and unique.

You should have received an email to set up Tapestry, where you will be able to see our observations of your child. If you have not had an email link, please check your Junk Folder. If this fails, please let us know so that we can check your email address.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you for your ongoing support in your child's learning.

Kind Regards

Miss Mathews & Ms Bushby

What we are learning in school:

Prime Areas of Learning:

Personal, Social & Emotional Development:

This term we will be learning and establishing new routines and encouraging the children's independence, for example, by putting on their own coat, washing their hands and putting their own straw in their milk. We will also learn about what makes us happy at school and the children will collaborate to 'write' our classroom rules. The children will be encouraged to develop their interests and independence in both indoor and outdoor areas, discussing their likes and dislikes. They will also be encouraged to take turns and share resources.

Communication & Language:

The children will be developing vocabulary by sharing stories. They will begin to develop their language skills at every opportunity. The children will be talking to each other, and to the adults in the Nursery, about what they are doing or how they will find something out. We will also give the children opportunities to ask what, how, when and why questions.

Physical Development:

This term the children will be taught about being healthy. They will also be developing fine and gross motor skills in both outdoor and indoor areas using a variety of tools and equipment. At the start of each morning, we will use busy finger activities to promote fine motor skills.

Independence is important because it promotes confidence and self-esteem as well as motivation and perseverance. It also fosters self-reliance, allowing your child to feel that they have control over their life.

Top Tips to Encourage Independence!

- Encourage children to get dressed independently at home including doing up coats, zips and buttons. Turn it into a game—children could use a sand timer and try to get quicker each time!
- Promote sitting at the table and using a knife and fork correctly to eat meals. Encourage children to 'have a go' at cutting their own food and start with softer, easier foods such as fish fingers or potatoes.

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Specific Areas of Learning:

Maths:

We use Maths everyday: Counting how many children are in Nursery, singing songs with ascending and descending numbers, matching and sorting by size, shape and colour.

Literacy:

Reading: We will be 'learning to recognise our own names and other familiar signs such as advertising logos.

We will be reading stories to the children every day and asking them what is happening in the story and what they think will happen next.

Looking at pictures in a story gives the children vital clues in talking about what is happening.

We shall also be talking about settings, key characters and events in stories.

Writing: We will encourage the children to attempt to draw and mark-make with a purpose and to talk about the marks they make as they draw and paint. When they are ready, the children will be taught how to correctly hold and use mark-making tools.

Understanding of the World:

This term we will be learning about Ourselves. We will also be exploring the changes that happen during autumn and enjoy exploring and investigating natural objects during our autumn walk.

Expressive Art & Design:

We will be learning to use a range of different media including pencils, pens, chalk and paint. We will also learn to safely use scissors, tape and glue. In addition, we will select and use a variety of collage materials and junk modelling materials to create our own artwork and models.

The children will also have opportunities to explore musical instruments, play them in different ways and use them to accompany song and stories.