

**Our Christian Value:** This half term, we will be focusing on our school Christian value of community. In whole school and class worship, we will explore the idea of community through stories in the Bible. On our class page of the school's website, there are some ideas and stories, exploring the value of community, for you to do with your children at home. "Live in harmony with one another" Romans 12.16

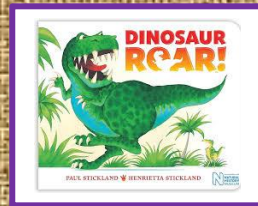
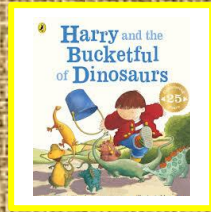
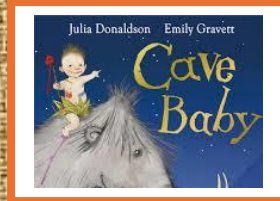
### Phonics

As your nursery child begins their Read Write Inc. journey, they will learn to recognise simple letter sounds and start blending them using Fred Talk. I would like you to meet Fred.

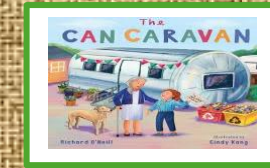
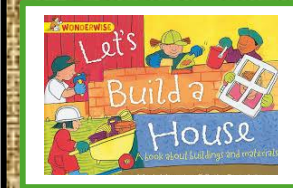


Through fun games and activities, they will build listening skills, practise forming letters, and grow in confidence with speaking and early reading.

**Maths:** The focus is on **early mathematical foundations through play, talk and exploration.** This term they will be learning to say number names in order, count small groups of objects, and compare amounts using language *such as* more, fewer and the same. They will also explore simple repeating patterns, sort and match objects by colour, size or type, and investigate shapes through construction and play. Children will begin to use positional language such as in, on *and* under, and compare size and weight using words like big, small, heavy *and* light. These activities help develop strong early number sense and mathematical vocabulary.



**Play** is essential in the early years because it supports children's overall development in a natural and engaging way. Through play, young children explore their environment, develop social skills, and build important cognitive abilities such as problem-solving and creativity. It also helps them express emotions, gain confidence, and practice communication. By interacting with others during play, children learn cooperation, empathy, and how to form relationships. Overall, play lays the foundation for lifelong learning and well-being.



We welcome back Mrs Gluch returning after her maternity leave and we are pleased Miss Gardiner is also working in Nursery Wednesday Thursday and Friday. **Learning Means the World** This half term in Nursery, our new topic in Learning Means the World, we will be travelling back in time to learn all about dinosaurs! The children will be exploring the theme Jurassic Park, where they will learn about big and little dinosaurs, comparing their sizes and talking about how they lived. We will also be using sticks and stones in our outdoor learning to build dinosaur homes and create imaginative habitats. As part of our learning, we will be discovering fossils. Through stories, creative activities, phonics, maths work, and play-based learning, we will be encouraging curiosity, vocabulary development, and teamwork. We are looking forward to a fun and exciting half term of dinosaur adventures! **If your child has any dinosaur books, toys, or pictures they would like to share with the class, they are very welcome to bring them in.** To finish this half term, our topic is No Place Like Home. The children will be learning about their own homes and exploring different types of houses from around the world. We will also be finding out about animal homes, including both pets and wild animals, and thinking about where they live and why. As part of our learning, we will be looking at some unusual homes such as lighthouses, as well as exploring shelters like dens, tents, and caves through stories, discussion, and play. We are looking forward to lots of imaginative learning as the children share their ideas and experiences about what makes a home special.

**Physical:** This half term in **Nursery**, the children will develop their physical skills through active play such as running, jumping, climbing and balancing. They will also strengthen their fine motor skills through mark making, building, threading and malleable play, helping to prepare them for early writing and independence in managing their personal needs.