



Canon Burrows Primary School Nursery Newsletter Autumn 2 2025



Welcome back! We hope you had a restful half term holiday. This half term our theme is 'How are other people special?', which will run alongside our other learning about the many celebrations which happen at this time of year, including Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day and Christmas. Keep an eye on our twitter page (@canon_burrows) and our weekly Nursery blog on the school website for regular Nursery and whole-school updates. We look forward to a fun and festive half term!

AUTUMN 2 - HOW ARE OTHER PEOPLE SPECIAL?

Communication and Language: Working on individual next steps based on baseline assessments, enjoying listening to longer stories and remembering much of what happens. Understanding questions/instructions with two parts, singing a large repertoire of songs, developing their communication and pronunciation of multisyllabic words, expressing a point of view and debating when they disagree.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: Talking about their feelings, developing their sense of responsibility and membership of a community through following collectively-agreed class rules and working together to look after the classroom and its resources. Showing more confidence in social situations by using friends' names and choosing to play with others, being increasingly independent with hand-washing and toileting, selecting and using activities and resources, achieving a goal they have chosen or has been suggested to them.

Physical Development: Developing movement, balancing and ball skills in the outdoor area, developing riding skills (scooters, trikes, balance bikes), deciding how to move based on their ability, e.g. walk/crawl along a plank. Using large-scale muscle movements to wave flags/streamers, paint and make marks, using one-handed tools (spade/shovel, rather than hands) to dig in the sand. Squashing, pinching and poking playdough, strengthening hand and finger muscles through 'Dough Disco' and 'Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle', being increasingly independent with putting on/taking off coats, wellies, waterproofs, hats, scarves and gloves and doing up buttons and zips. Making snips in paper with scissors.

Literacy: Phase 1 phonics taught through nursery rhymes and initial sound/oral blending games, giving meaning to marks they make, recognising their name, visiting the school and Ashton library, holding books correctly, understanding the five key concepts about print (it has meaning, it can have different purposes, names of the different parts of a book, page sequencing, reading from left to right and top to bottom). Phase 2 phonics— learning the letters— SATPIN

Maths: Understanding patterns and being able to recognise and create their own repeated patterns. To recognise numerals 1-3, count 3 objects with 1-1 correspondence, to be able to subitise 3 objects without counting them.

Understanding the World: Learning about different occupations and special people, using their senses to explore natural and man-made materials, exploring Autumn/ Winter and seasonal change, talking about what they see, caring for the natural environment through recycling and composting, exploring how things work. Learning about different celebrations such as bonfire night, remembrance day and Christmas.

Expressive Arts and Design: Remembering and singing entire songs, copying the pitch and melody, exploring different materials freely, in order to develop their ideas about how to use them and what to make. Role playing in the home corner and small world area, creating closed shapes with continuous lines, and beginning to use these shapes to represent objects, using drawing to represent ideas like movement or loud noises, exploring colour and colour-mixing.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday 3rd November - Return to school for Autumn 2.
Monday 10th November - Odd Socks Day to begin Anti-bullying Week and Nursery Rhyme week
Wednesday 12th November- EYFS nursery rhyme performance for parents/carers
Tuesday 18th November— **REAL project event**- Nursery trip to Ashton library
Friday 21st November— Aspirations dress up day
December - EYFS Christmas performance for parents
Wednesday 3rd December - EYFS pantomime in school for children and Christmas crafts session for parents

Tuesday 9th December— Christmas crafts at Joseph Jennings
Thursday 18th December - EYFS Singalong for parents and party (wear Christmas jumpers)
Thursday 18th December - School closes for Christmas holidays
Monday 5th January - Return to school for Spring 1

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Please label all clothes, coats, shoes, wellies and water bottles with your child's name.
- Please ensure your child has a warm coat, hat and gloves on colder days as we will go outside come rain or snow!
- Please send water bottles each day, filled with water only, and your child's book bag. Please do not send any other bags or backpacks.
- Please continue to record any reading experiences you have with your child in their reading diary. Please let us know if you need any support with this.

Warm wishes, the Nursery team



We are only on the end of the phone or email - if you have any concerns, please get in touch.

