



Nursery Newsletter

Autumn 1



We are delighted to welcome you and your child to James Brindley.

Throughout the day, we learn through play-following the Statutory Early Years Framework, as well as Development Matters. Children play and join in flexible topic-based learning which is adapted and based on their particular interests. Some activities may include mark-making and writing, construction, creative, role-play, small world, mud kitchen, sand and water. All activities are carefully planned to bring on the children's learning and cater for individual next steps in all seven areas of learning. Teaching is also delivered through specific, targeted play activities, 1:1 activities, small group work and some whole-class carpet sessions. We have a toast and milk, daily at 10 a.m with fruit and story-time at the end of each day.

Key Dates

14/9/26 — Parent teacher meeting

21/10/26 - Harvest assembly
2.30pm

23/10/26—Half Term



Phonics

At this point of the year, our phonics teaching will consist of distinguishing environmental sounds, instrumental sounds and body percussion.

The children will work in their keyworker groups for these sessions.

General reminders

Please label ALL items of clothing.

Ensure your child brings a water bottle in each day (labelled with their name).

The children will always need a warm, waterproof coat as we go outside whatever the weather.

Keep up to date

Each Friday afternoon, we will send a weekly update via School Spider, sharing what the children have been learning and doing throughout the week.

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

This half term, we will be concentrating on following one step instructions, listening to other's share news and enjoying a range of stories and familiar nursery rhymes.

We will also be carrying out a 'Wellcomm' speech and language assessment.. If necessary, I will meet with parent's to explain some of the extra support your child may need in class.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL

A big focus on getting to know each other and the routines of Nursery will help your child to settle in quickly.

We will have time throughout the day to gather in our keyworker groups to talk about various different topics such as being kind, sharing and taking turns.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

The children have daily opportunities to develop their physical skills with bikes, balancing stones and sports equipment in our outdoor area. In addition to this,

We will have some time in the hall, each week to play games, use the apparatus or dance.

Our Curriculum Overview

LITERACY

Our Literacy is focused on a book each week. Over the next few weeks, the children will be listening to a variety of stories and carrying out related activities. This half term we will read:
Only one you, Who's in my family, Find your happy, I love the seasons: Autumn, Mae Jemison, Aliens love underpants and Whatever next!

MATHS

We use the White Rose Maths scheme to teach early mathematical skills through practical activities, stories, songs and play, supporting children to become confident mathematicians.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

This half term, the children will use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials. Later on in the term will we go for an autumn walk.

Our Science topic is, 'All about me'.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS & DESIGN

The children will be encouraged to take part in pretend play, and begin to develop stories using our small world sets.

Our art topic is focused on finding circles.