

**CURRICULUM STATEMENT FOR
AUTUMN TERM 'A'
(NURSERY CLASS)**

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our Nursery Family, I hope you have all had a lovely summer. Here is the Curriculum Statement for the first half term where we will use the theme of 'Under the Sea' to provide a variety of learning opportunities for the children.

<p>Personal, Social & Emotional Development:</p> <p>Helping the children to settle in and follow the Nursery routine.</p> <p>Sound Pots – music programme to encourage self-confidence and promote turn taking.</p>	<p>Communication/Language/Literacy:</p> <p>Developing the use of positional language.</p> <p>Developing good listening skills – matching sound shakers and listening walks.</p> <p>Listening to a story (The Rainbow Fish) and recalling events and characters in sequence.</p> <p>Listening and responding accurately to questions.</p> <p>Introducing the idea of rhythm and rhyming words.</p>	<p>Mathematical Development:</p> <p>Chanting, identifying and ordering numbers.</p> <p>Sorting and categorizing according to different properties such as colour or shape.</p> <p>Forming numbers</p>
<p>Understanding the World:</p> <p>Harvest</p> <p>Looking at the seasonal changes in the environment</p> <p>RE:</p> <p>Nursery prayers and the Sign of the Cross.</p> <p>Creation</p> <p>Harvest Festival</p>	<p>Physical Development:</p> <p>PE: (Mr Ferris)</p> <p>Fundamental movement - focusing on lunging, squatting, pushing, pulling, bending, twisting and gait.</p> <p>Developing fine motor skills by encouraging the children to use small tools such as scissors.</p> <p>Promoting pencil grip and control</p> <p>Encouraging the children to cutlery whilst eating their Nursery dinner</p>	<p>Expressive Arts and Design:</p> <p>Investigating colours and what happens when we mix them.</p> <p>Using different media and techniques to produce a class display.</p> <p>Dance (Thursday afternoon) with Miss Jayne</p>

How you can help

Help your child to develop strong fine motor skills. The following activities will help with this:

- Manipulating play dough
- Threading beads
- Dot to dot pictures
- Colouring in

Look at numbers in the environment – road signs, doors, car number plates for example.

Help your child to use cutlery well at meal times.

Other information

A number of our directed activities take place outdoors, whatever the weather, as required by the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Guidance. Therefore, **all** children need to have a warm, waterproof coat in school **every day**. We really appreciate your help with this as it is important that all of our activities are enjoyed by all of the children. During these colder winter months children will also need hats and gloves in school.

Please ensure that all of your child's school uniform, PE kit and coats are labelled with your child's name. It is better to use sew-in labels rather than the iron-on labels.

We will provide each child with a home/school diary, which we will write in at least once a week. However, we will check the diaries every day for any messages or information from you.

There is a Nursery Noticeboard in the school foyer. The school dinner menu is here as well as the Continuous Provision Plan for the week.

Many thanks.

Mrs. Taylor
Nursery Class Manager