

Foundation Stage 1

Newsletter

Autumn 1 Term 2023

We will begin our focus child approach very soon when all the children have settled into Nursery. During each child's focus week, they will have more observations recorded in their learning journey. We are available to discuss your child at any time, please ask and we can arrange a meeting.

Communication and Language

While at nursery we will be spending time talking to the children about their families, pets and their likes and dislikes. This will give us the opportunity to get to know all of the children as individuals. If you could send some pictures of your family and things that you do together, this will support us in getting to know your child. You can send these to the following email address: foundation1parents@astrea-kingfisher.org

Physical Development

It is fantastic to see that most of the children are arriving to school having walked by themselves. Walking is great exercise and will help the children to become physically strong and develop their gross motor skills. We will be supporting the children in school with the development of gross motor skills in this first half term through lots of outdoor play.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be spending a lot of time this half term embedding our boundaries and routines in Nursery and talking to the children about being kind to one another, sharing with our friends and starting to take turns. It is important that we encourage all children to use their words when they want something and also when they want to share or take turns. This will support their language skills and help them to make friends and play nicely together.

Autumn Home Learning Ideas

Sing nursery rhymes with your child. Ask your child to share their favourite song when they come to Nursery. They may even be able to teach us a new song.

Read stories and ask questions about what you have read. Encourage your child to bring in their favourite stories to share with their friends.

Encourage your child to become independent by putting on their own coat, and shoes, and getting dressed and undressed by themselves.

Expressive Arts & Design

We will provide the children with opportunities to paint, draw and explore different materials to create pictures. We will observe the children and gain insight into their interests, this will support us in planning further creative activities that are meaningful to the children. We will be singing Nursery rhymes daily to support children phonological awareness, it would be lovely if you could continue to sing these songs at home.

Maths

In Nursery it is important to us that we help children learn through what they choose to do. We will first observe the children and then help them to count during play when we see an opportunity to do so. Mathematical language can also be encouraged during all other kinds of play for example, building with the blocks, playdough, sand play and water play.

Literacy

We will be reading different stories with the children every day during free play and at story time. Once the children are fully settled, we will also begin to focus on a 'repeated read' every two weeks. This is to help expand the children's understanding of English and broaden their vocabulary.

Understanding of the World

Our focus for this half term is children understanding that they all have a family and some families are similar or different. The children will begin to learn about nature as we spend lots of time outside their new surroundings. These natural experiences are a great opportunity for children to learn about the world around them, be curious, inquisitive and learn and discover new things.



If you have any queries or questions at all, please do not hesitate to ask or call school on 01302 349275. Thank you for your continued support, The Foundation Stage 1 Team.

