

Parent Communication

We will be sending a Weekly Update every Friday via Arbor to share our learning from the week and any reminders for upcoming events.

In the coming weeks, please look out for a sign up link to Tapestry via email. This is where we will upload photos and highlights of your child's time at nursery.

If you any questions, please contact us on: nurserylearning@holytrinity-gravesend.kent.sch.uk.

A few notes from the nursery staff...

1. Ensure you send your child to nursery with appropriate clothing—we explore the outdoors in ALL weathers and we know how quickly British weather can change!
2. PLEASE label all of your children's belongings including their clothing.
3. No jewellery should be worn to school. one pair of close-fitting gold or silver studs may be worn. Children may also wear their Sikh Kara bangle.
4. There is no need to pack a snack for your child, as we provide fruit and milk/water.
5. Please make sure all pack lunches are healthy and **do not** include any nuts.



Phonics

In nursery, we follow the Little Wandle Foundations scheme of work that supports children to develop their phonological awareness, love stories and rhymes, increase their vocabulary and confidence to talk, and improve their listening skills.

This term we will be focusing on **Rhyme Time**, which explores a new nursery rhyme each week.

Rhyme Time explores rhyme to build up a bank of shared language, develop children's understanding of the world and familiarity with the sounds in words.



If you would like any help with supporting your child in Phonics, please speak to the class teacher or access the guidance for parents on the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds website.

Mathematics

This term we will explore mathematics in small groups and as part of our learning environment. Our curriculum embeds early mathematical skills, thinking and talk, through a hands-on and practical approach.



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Overall aims:

- Comparing amounts
- Explore shapes
- Subitising
- Explore and create simple patterns
- Number names
- Explore position and space

Topic

Our topic this term is '*Magical Me*'. We'll be helping the children settle into nursery, get to know each other, and explore what makes them special. We will learn about our families, our feelings, our senses, and how to be kind friends.

Our overall aims for **Communication and Language** are:

- Understand and follow simple instructions.
- Focus on an activity of our choice.
- To link four or five words together, using intonation, pitch and different volumes when talking.

Our overall aims for **Personal, Social and Emotional Development** are:

- To express our emotions; happy, sad, excited, cross, tired, frustrated.
- To take turns with other children, with adult support.
- To separate from my parent/carer when coming to nursery.

Our overall aims for **Physical Development** are:

- Develop fine motor skills through Funky Fingers activities and playdough.
- To explore different materials and tools, making controlled marks.
- To walk and run using spatial awareness.

Our overall aims for **Understanding the World** are:

- To understand who is older and younger than us in our family.
- To talk about our family and who is special to us.

Our overall aims for **Expressive Arts and Design** are:

- To make intentional marks using a range of tools.
- To name and recognise colours.