

Little Herons Nursery Newsletter

Autumn Term 2026



Welcome to the new year at Little Herons Nursery. The purpose of this newsletter is to provide important information about arrangements in our nursery and share what we will be doing this term. Keep an eye out for important notices and updates on Family.



We have some new children, including babies, starting in Little Herons over the coming weeks. We look forward to welcoming them and we will continue to encourage both younger and older children to mix where appropriate. The children in their last year of Little Herons will be known as our 'Leavers' and will have an important year ahead as they transition into the school and Minnow Class. We will begin this transition with the leavers attending whole school assemblies on Friday mornings in the coming weeks for those children who attend on that day.

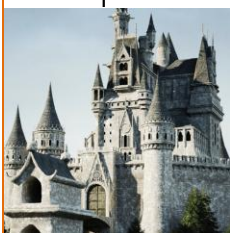
Our topics this term:

Me and My Community



In the Me and My Community project, your child will learn about the school community and building friendships. Children will explore areas in school such as the Forest School area. They will explore how they are special and unique through learning 'all about me'. They will discuss families and consider how each family is different and unique. They will explore what makes a good friend through circle times and through play. They will also find out about people in the community who help us, including doctors, nurses, and the emergency services.

Once Upon a Time



In the Once Upon a Time project, your child will be introduced to the wonderful world of stories. Children will listen to a range of traditional tales multiple times, in a variety of ways so they become familiar with them. They will practise and act out stories through performing and play using props such as teddies and objects that will bring the stories they hear to life.

Curriculum Areas

Maths: White Rose Maths Scheme Nursery:

more/fewer/same, explore/build with shapes and objects, explore repeating patterns, hear/say number names, begin to order number names, I see 123, join in with repeats, explore position and space.

Literacy: stories with familiar settings, traditional stories, books without text for imaginative discussion, non-fiction texts and fantasy stories.

Stories including: Five Minutes' Peace, information texts (based on people who help us) and traditional tales such as Goldilocks, Three Little Pigs and Three Billy Goats Gruff.

Expressive Arts and Design: Creating with materials, being imaginative and expressive, self-portraits using a variety of media, songs and exploring instruments, imaginative play and story improvisation using small world equipment.

Religious and World Education (RWE): celebrating harvest and special times such as Christmas and Hannukah.

PSED: Scarf Scheme: Me and My Relationships and Valuing Difference.

Understanding the World: Our local area, different families and homes, people who help us and the season of Autumn.

Communication and Language: Listening, attention and understanding, speaking through play and familiar stories.

Physical Development: fine motor skills through daily 'funky finger' activities and gross motor skills through playing outside Little Herons, visiting the 'adventure' playground and welly walks.

Slippers

Many of the children in nursery like to take their shoes off when inside the classroom, and while we want the children to feel calm and relaxed, we cannot have bare feet for safety reasons. We have a box of slippers that the children have access to, but if you would like to provide your child with their own slippers that can be left in nursery, you are welcome to, (please note that there is no obligation to do so). If you can donate your preloved slippers, we would be grateful.



Wellies

Outdoor learning will take place every day in our lovely outdoor spaces. We will be going on welly walks with Minnow Class to learn about the seasonal changes that happen this autumn. As we spend so much time outdoors in our garden and forest school area, it would be helpful if children had their own named pair of wellies that can stay in nursery for these occasions and for playing outside with the water. We have waterproofs that children are welcome to borrow for those extra muddy occasions!



Water bottles

Please send your child in with a **named** water bottle (and **named** lunchbag if your child is having packed lunches) everyday for your child to use. We have a water machine in our classroom to replenish with fresh cool water when necessary.



Food

During the course of the year, we hope to try and taste foods linking to our topics. It is important that you have informed us of any **allergies** your child has. Please ensure you inform the school if there are any changes to medical information during the school year. **Also, please note that we are a nut-free school.**



Meet the team

We are pleased to share an update on our Nursery staffing arrangements. Kiira is now working Mon, Tues in addition to Thurs, Fri and Mrs Taylor (Minnow Class teacher) is the Deputy Nursery Manager. We look forward to continuing to provide a happy, nurturing and supportive environment for all our children in Little Herons Nursery.



Pop Up Visit

We are looking forward to a visit from the Pop Up Play Village this half term in October. Please keep an eye on MCAS and Family for more information.



Nativity Play for our Leavers

This year our Nativity play will be taking place on Tuesday 8th December at 2.00pm and 6.00pm. More details including costumes to follow.



If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

The **Family App** is a great way to message us, and we will respond as soon as we can. Alternatively, we can be contacted on:

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Thank you,

The Little Herons Nursery team