

Nursery Newsletter



Aldwyn Primary School - Every Child a Success

Autumn Term 1

Wednesday 6th September 2023
to
Friday 20th October 2023

Theme – Down the Farm

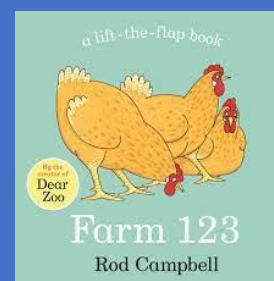
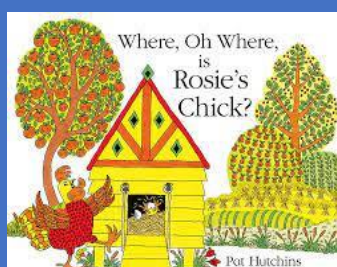
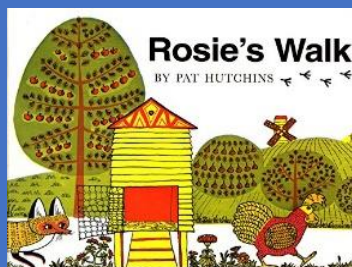
We would like to give a warm welcome all our new children and parents to Aldwyn Nursery!

We look forward to getting to know you and working closely with you over this year to give your child the best opportunities in Nursery.

The first part of this half term will be helping the children settle into their new class. They will be meeting new friends, getting to know the adults and getting used to their new routine. After this settling in period, we will begin our topic 'Down the Farm'.

Our topics are designed to make learning fun and engaging. These will change each half-term and we always aim to incorporate children's interests in our learning opportunities.

This half term we will be reading:



What will we learn this half term?

Please note that all the EYFS curriculum maps can be found on the school website. These contain the overview of the learning for the year.

Communication and Language

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will be joining in different activities to get to know each other. We will be having lots of short circle times and social snack times to develop the children's speaking and listening skills.

We will be sharing lots of books to develop the love of reading and talking about the stories. We will be using puppets, props and toys to bring the stories alive!

When the children have settled we will be sharing news from the weekend on a Monday. This encourages the children to speak in front of their familiar group and listen to each other.

This is a time for the children to start to make friends and build relationships with the adults too. We will help the children learn our routines and help to develop their confidence in their new environment. We will be doing lots activities to promote sharing and taking turns.

Literacy

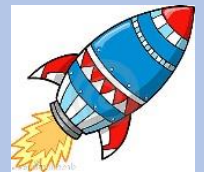
Our main learning this half term is based around the book 'Rosie's Walk' by Pat Hutchins. We will be looking at the different animals that live on a farm and the noises they make.

We will also be sharing lots of other stories too. We will be encouraging the children to repeat words and phrases from familiar stories.

The children will have lots of opportunities to mark make freely and with encouragement give meaning to their drawings.

Maths

In Maths we will be developing our counting skills. We will be singing lots of songs and action songs to help with this. Every day during the register carpet time we will be practising counting, initially up to 10 and then beyond. We will also be doing a 'rocket countdown', 10 to 0! And then BLAST OFF!!!



As part of our topic we will be sorting and counting different farm animals as well as beginning to talk about positional language.

We will begin to follow the schemes of work from 'White Rose Maths' on the interactive whiteboard. Look out for activities that you can do at home to develop this!

We will also be developing the children's maths through the outdoors by collecting and counting natural objects.

Understanding the World

We will talk about our families and other people who are special as well as thinking about how we are special and unique!

We will be talking about the children's own experiences of visits to a farm and talking about animals that live on a farm and their features. We will recreate our story outside which will incorporate positional language.



Children absolutely love exploring their natural environment and what better way to do this than to experience the changing seasons and weather first hand? So we will explore all around our school on welly walks and investigate lots of natural objects on the way!

We will be using our whiteboard to play games, join in with new songs and help us learn lots of new things.

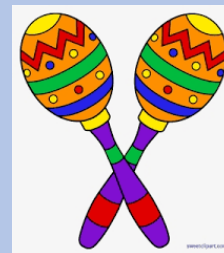
Expressive Arts and Design

We will encourage the children to draw a self-portrait to create our first display.

We will also be doing lots of lovely creative activities such as painting, drawing and using natural materials to create pictures of farm animals and collages.

We will be singing lots of nursery rhymes during our carpet time sessions and finding out the children's favourite songs and rhymes.

Our children love 'cosmic yoga' and we will be encouraging the children to enjoy playing with the musical instruments and dancing and moving to music.



Physical Development

We will be working on the children's fine motor skills by doing activities such as playdough, jigsaws, threading, sorting objects with tweezers and mark making. We will also begin to learn how to use scissors by holding them correctly and developing their control when cutting.



Our children love to play outside so we will be enjoying the Autumn weather and going on lots of welly walks to play, explore and collect lots of Autumn coloured leaves! Please provide your child with a pair of wellies that will stay in nursery in the cloakroom. Please make sure they are labelled with your child's name.

We will be developing our gross motor skills by playing in the larger Reception outside area where the children can play on bikes, trikes and scooters as well as developing their balancing on the climbing frames.

As we like to get hands-on please be aware that, on occasion, your child's clothing might not be as clean as when they first came to school! This usually means they are having lots of fun!

Also please remember that the children can wear school coloured jogging pants (navy blue), especially as it gets colder.

Having some spare clothes in your child's book bag will be useful, such as socks, trousers, underwear etc.

Settling In

This half-term is all about supporting your children to settle into nursery and make new friends. We will begin to learn all about our new nursery rules and routines. We understand what a big thing it is for some of the children to leave their parents and carers, sometimes for the first time and also how hard it is for you too! Please be assured that they will be in good caring hands!

We will be encouraging the parents and carers to help the children to hang up their coats, looking for their name and picture, place their school bags in the box and water bottles in the provided boxes, before handing them to the nursery staff at the door.

Some of your children may get upset but they do usually settle quickly once their adult has left them. You can be sure that we will always telephone you if they do not settle quickly.

After the staggered start, the Nursery doors open at 8.45am. The morning children will finish at 11.45am. For the afternoon children the doors will open at 12.15pm. The nursery session finishes at 3.15pm.

During this half term we will get **Tapestry** up and running so please look out for this! It is a good way to communicate with parentss/carers. We share your child's learning and lots of fun activities that they do during the day as well as upcoming events. Please activate the email requesting you to login and access your child's account.

Lunch time and snacks

Snack we will be provided with various fruits and a drink of milk. Your child will bring their own labelled water bottle everyday and will need to be taken home and cleaned everyday. The children who are staying all day will bring their own pack lunch. Please label your child's lunch box.

The staff who will be supporting your children at lunch time will be: Miss Gomez and Mr Gibbons. They will help your child with their food and lunchtime routines.

It is vital to let staff know of any allergies or intolerances.

Baseline Assessments

When your child starts Nursery, during the first few weeks we will be carrying out some child friendly baseline assessments to help us find their starting point, know what to teach them next, so we can measure their progress and help to reduce any gaps in their learning.

These are all carried out in an informal, practical, fun way and the children will not know they are being assessed.

Thank you

We really look forward to the term ahead. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to speak to your class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Nursery Team