



# The Giles Nursery and Infants' School

## Autumn Term 2024

### Newsletter



## Ladybird Class

A very warm welcome to all our new children and parents. During the first few weeks we will be making sure the children are settling happily, becoming familiar with routines, and enjoying their sessions at Nursery.

We provide a balance of child-initiated play and adult-led activities which are linked to the age-related stages of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. Our topic this half term is '**Nursery Rhymes**' and the topic for the second half-term is '**Celebrations**'.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our whole school PSED (Personal, Social and Emotional Development) topics this term are 'Being in my world' and 'Celebrating differences'.

The children will be encouraged to feel that they are a valued member of the Nursery, with their own special talents, and to develop positive relationships with adults and their peers. They will be supported when talking about their feelings, and their own experiences and families. Circle time games, small group activities and listening to each other will help the children make new friends. They will be encouraged to play cooperatively, share and take turns.

## Communication and Language

The children will build up a range of nursery rhymes which will be added weekly to their key ring. The nursery rhyme resource boxes and activities will encourage their language and communication. They will be encouraged to develop and extend their vocabulary.

Our daily phonics sessions will develop the children's listening and communication skills and introduce them to initial letter sounds.



## Physical Development

**Fine motor skills:** The children will have many opportunities to develop their fine motor skills with a range of activities such as play dough, tweezers, threading, construction, and creative activities.



**Gross motor skills:** The children will have daily opportunities to play outside in the Nursery garden, using small equipment such as balls and hoops. The children will participate in turn-taking games and team games and they will experience using the sand and water areas.

## Literacy

Our stories will be based on our topic theme and are used to structure many of the literacy activities. During their time in Nursery, the children will share books from our reading

spine. They will listen to these stories and gain confidence to discuss and join in with them. The children are encouraged to take home books from our library to share with their families. They will see writing modelled by adults and explore mark-making through a range of emergent writing activities and in role-play areas.

## Mathematics

The mathematics activities will provide daily opportunities for the children to count out objects and recognise numerals. They will be learning how to subitise and create patterns. The children will be encouraged to identify 2D shapes. In water and sand play they will be able to investigate capacity and weight.

## Understanding the World



The children will walk around the school woodland area to look for signs of autumn. They will celebrate Harvest and the Hindu festival Diwali, as well as Bonfire Night and Christmas. They will take part in Wellbeing Week with the rest of the school.

The Nursery Bear will celebrate his 4th birthday and the children will be helping to plan his party.

## Expressive Arts and Design

A wide range of creative activities will allow the children to use a variety of materials and techniques. They will create ladybird, star and autumnal pictures, as well as leaf, fruit and vegetable prints.

The role-play areas will be: 'The Giles bakery', a greengrocer, a night-time house, an insect

house, Teddy's party house and Santa's workshop. The children will sing songs and action rhymes together and play a variety of percussion instruments.

## Reminders

Once the children have settled in we will be inviting parents and carers to come to 'Stay and Play' sessions. These sessions are very popular with both adults and children, and will take place each Thursday after half-term at the following times:

8.30 - 9.20 am for morning session

12.30 - 1.20 pm for afternoon session

We hope your child has a very happy time in Nursery. If you have any questions please feel welcome to come and speak to us.

Please name your child's plimsolls, all clothing and book bag, as well as water bottle and lunch box (if your child attends for lunch).

If you have any items relating to our topics which we could use, display, or share with the children please let us know! Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

## The Giles Nursery

Class Teachers

*Mrs Simmons, Mrs Beardsall and Miss Edwards*

Early Years Practitioners

*Mrs Jeffery, Mrs Morgan, Mrs Aldridge*

Teaching Assistants

*Mrs Ravi, Mrs Aba*

Apprentices

*Miss Nolan, Miss Howard, Miss Smith*