



Whiteknights

Growing Greatness

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are delighted to welcome you and your child to Whiteknights nursery. It is an exciting time for children to meet new friends and settle into a new routine, while exploring different areas of learning through play.

What does my child need to bring into nursery with them?

- A Whiteknights book bag- later in the year children will be able to select books to take home to share with you
- Water bottle with fresh water daily
- Spare uniform, including underwear and socks- **named** and left on their peg in a **carrier bag**
- Appropriate clothing- coats on cold days and sunhats on hot days

Spare clothes: Please ensure your child has a spare set of uniform including knickers or pants in a carrier bag that stays on their peg every day. This is in case they get dirty/ wet or have a toileting accident. If you are aware that your child may have toileting difficulties, please ensure multiple pairs are packed. If they do not have any spare clothes and borrow uniform from school, it all needs to be washed and returned. **Please ensure all personal items and clothing is named clearly- including individual gloves, socks and water bottles.**

Snacks: Children do not need to bring in any additional food, unless they are staying for lunch and wish to have a packed lunch. Children are provided with fruit or vegetables as a snack in both the morning and afternoon sessions. Children who attend afterschool club are also provided with a sandwich and light snack.

Sharing toys: Some children can be very keen to bring in their own toys to share with their friends at nursery. Please ensure that children do not bring anything into school, as it would be upsetting if these got lost or damaged. Later in the year, children will have the opportunity to bring in something special to share- you will be notified when this is closer to the time.

To give you a clearer picture of what we are learning in the coming term, we have attached an outline of the topics that we will teach and the books we will be reading. In order to foster a love of reading, please read to your child every day at home. Reading with children helps them to develop their speaking and listening skills, as well as encouraging cognitive development and making links between ideas.

As a team, we enjoy conversations with parents about how your child is progressing and enjoying their time at nursery. However, it can be difficult to have these conversations at drop off times (in



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the morning and afternoon) as we often have many children to support transitioning into nursery. If you need to speak to a member of staff, please let the teacher know at the gate who will be able to advise a good time to talk.

We are looking forward to a fun-filled term ahead. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Kind regards,

Mrs Scurr

On behalf of the nursery team

Nursery

Term - Autumn

This sheet will give you an overview of the learning we are covering this half term.

Mathematics

This term your child will be exploring the basic principles of counting: say each number in the right order, touch each object once, saying one number per object, and the last number you say is how many there are. To start we will be focusing on maths through counting songs e.g. speckled frogs, little ducks. Children will begin by exploring counting objects to 3, before starting to learn about each number at a time. Children will use natural resources to begin to make patterns.

Literacy

Children will begin their literacy journey by developing a love of reading. We will share stories at least twice a day, focusing on new vocabulary. One of these stories will be our focus story for the week. Children will begin the Read Write Inc. phonics programme by playing 'Fred Games'. They will be learning to orally blend by saying the sounds and putting them together to hear the whole word e.g. c-a-t = cat.

Physical Development

This area of learning is about developing fine and gross motor skills. We will be focusing on:

- Putting on coats and handling zips with increasing independence
- Managing equipment safely
- Rolling and pinching skills (e.g. with playdough)
- Climbing and jumping on the jungle gym

Understanding the world

- Exploring how we are all different
- Who is in my family?
- The differences between materials e.g. hard, soft, light, heavy
- Selecting the best materials for a task e.g. building a long bridge
- Exploring who celebrates Diwali and how

Marvellous Me Once upon a time... Autumn Diwali

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will start the year settling into their nursery. There will be a focus on turn taking, sharing and developing independence when using the toilet and washing hands. Children will also begin to learn our school's golden rules:

1. We are gentle
2. We are kind and helpful
3. We are honest
4. We listen
5. We work hard
6. We look after property

Expressive Arts and Design

This area incorporates music, drama, art and design and technology.

- Practising familiar songs and learning new ones
- Using different materials to create a self-portrait
- Using different materials to make a colour monster puppet
- Building a house for a little pig
- Leaf rubbing and identifying patterns
- Creating a Rangoli pattern using coloured rice

Home learning

Please help us to develop a love of reading by reading with your child everyday- this can be any type of book! Children love stories but also non-fiction texts e.g. how this work or are made.

See if you can help your child to:

Spot rhyming words

Handle books with care and love

Talk about what you have read

Communication and Language

- Answering the register- 'good morning or good afternoon'.
- Starting a conversation about our families
- Speaking in sentences
- Developing good listening skills to listen to longer stories
- Following simple instructions

Key reading books:

