

Autumn 2021- What's happening in Nursery?

What are we learning in nursery?



This half term we are basing the children's learning around the question 'Who am I?' We will be asking the children three questions: What do you already know about yourself? What would you like to find out? How can we find the answers? The children will be sharing ideas and beginning their learning journey at St Mark's. Over this half term, some of the things we will be learning about are; our faces and bodies, talking about our feelings, beginning to understand how we grow, learning to write our names, all about families and new babies, as well as lots of rhyming, storytelling, number work, singing and phonics. Stories about families such as, 'Monkey Puzzle' by Julia Donaldson and books about starting school are always very popular at this time of year.

Outdoor Learning

Lots of learning for Nursery aged children takes place outside. The children love to explore our wonderful outdoor provision! Over the term, we will be harvesting vegetables planted earlier in the year, improving our gross motor skills and making lots of new friends in the mud kitchen and all our other exciting areas.

How can you help at home?



Reading stories to your child is invaluable. Repeating the same stories helps your child to become confident to join in with the bits they know and answer questions, such as 'What happens next?' Autumn is a lovely season for walks with the family. Encourage your child to look at their surroundings, talk about the changes including the colourful leaves and collect autumn items such as conkers or acorns. You could even try counting them or making crafts with what you find. Encourage your child to mark make and attempt to write their name as much as you can. This gives them confidence and helps them to label their work in nursery.



Recycling

Here at St Mark's we teach the children the value of re-using and recycling so they learn to care for planet Earth. In Nursery, the children are encouraged to add their fruit waste to our compost bin. We have also restocked our junk modelling areas to inspire the children to create their own art work from recycled materials. Coming soon is Recycle week (20th-26th Sept), so expect your child to come home with lots of ideas about how to recycle. Also, look out for our charity donation unit which is situated as you enter the school grounds.



Library Books

As reading is so important within the early years curriculum, and indeed the rest of school, Nursery staff do all they can to promote a love of books and reading. To help encourage this we will be sending a library book home to share. These will be sent home on a Friday and could they please be returned the following Friday morning. Happy reading!