



**Monksdown
Primary School**
*Where Children
Come First*

Welcome back to returning children and their families and welcome to our new children and families.

We have lots of exciting activities planned for your child this half term and I'm sure your child has lots of ideas to. In Nursery we adapt our planning to follow the children's interests so please let a member of staff know if your child has a particular interest.

Thank you for your continued support.
The Nursery Team

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

As children settle into nursery we will be focusing on our feelings, we will be looking at different types of feelings and how to recognise how we are feeling. We will be sharing the story 'The Colour Monster' to support this learning and children will be introduced to Zones of regulation in an age appropriate way. We will also be exploring ourselves and our families, if possible please could children bring in a photograph of their families.

Nursery Learning Letter Autumn 1 2025

Important information for you

- Snack money will be £1 per week or £7 for the half term or £2 per week for children who are full time.
- Tapestry – please activate your account if you need support with this please see a member of staff.
- Please provide your child with a spare set of clothes each day. Children have access to water and messy play activities every day so it is essential that every child brings a spare set of clothes to Nursery.
- Please ensure all your child's clothes are labelled with their name.

Communication and Language

During this half term there will be a big focus on developing the children's communication and language skills. Children will be introduced to new vocabulary through stories, songs and poems. Children will be encouraged to speak in sentences and this will be modelled to children. Skills such as listening and taking turns when holding a conversation will be modelled and taught. Children will be encouraged to stretch their vocabulary through adding more descriptions into their language. Daily rhyme sessions will support this development exploring sounds, rhyme and alliteration.

Physical Development

This half term we will focus on developing children's gross motor skills such as running, jumping and climbing. The children will spend time each day in our outdoor classroom developing these skills. The children will continue to take part playdough gym and funky fingers activities to help develop the muscles in their fingers to begin mark making activities. Children will be given lots of opportunities to make marks and explore what writing looks like.

Literacy

During this half term we will be sharing the story of the 'The Colour Monster' and 'We are going on a leaf hunt' related to the season of Autumn. Children will explore how we read a story, the names of different parts of a book and that print carries meaning. New vocabulary related to the topics will be introduced and discussed. During daily rhyming sessions children will be encouraged to identify and suggest different rhymes.



Mathematics

Children will explore comparison this half term. We will use the vocabulary 'more than, fewer than' and 'the same'. Children will use everyday objects and natural objects to compare amounts using appropriate vocabulary. Children will be encouraged to compare sets of objects using sentences such as: There are only a few.... They look the same because..... We will begin exploring numbers to 5 through counting as part of everyday routines and through rhyme.



Understanding the World

As part of our topic about ourselves children will begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's history. Children will have opportunities to explore natural materials as part of daily activities using all of their senses. During our learning about Autumn children will explore signs of Autumn and changes they experience using their senses.



Expressive Arts and Design

This half term children will continue to learn a range of different Nursery Rhymes and will clap out the beat of the rhyme. The children have daily access to our creative area in which they will practise skills such as cutting, painting, gluing and sticking. This half term we will be exploring different techniques and materials such as painting, drawing and printing to create a desired effect. Children will explore the colours of Autumn to recreate pictures. Children will be encouraged to use a range of puppets to role play familiar stories. Daily role play opportunities will be available to all children.



How to support your child at home:

- Please help your child to learn to put their coat and shoes on independently.
- Read a bedtime story to your child every night and ask them questions about the story.
- Look out for numbers and patterns in your local environment e.g. numbers on your front door or on buses.
- Talk to your child about changes they can see such as seasonal change and celebrations.
 - Encourage your child to mark make on large and small scale.
 - Encourage your child to recognise how they are feeling.