



Nursery at New Hartley First School

Autumn 1



Welcome to Nursery at New Hartley First School, we would like to start by saying a huge well done to all of the children. They have settled so well and we are super proud of them. They have loved exploring our indoor and outdoor environments. Also a huge thank you to all of you grown-ups who have managed happy smiley drop offs, and thank you for being patient with us as we get used to new faces at home time.

Dates to remember:

EYFS coffee and catch up – Thursday 11th September – 9am – School hall
Wobbly mornings workshop – Thursday 18th September – School hall
School photographs – Wednesday 1st October
Parent's evenings – Wednesday 21st October, Thursday 22nd October
End of half term – Friday 24th October

Please remember to name all
of your children's
belongings!



Please bring a pair of wellies
to school (named) and place
them on the rack in the
garden.

The idea of our little wish tree is to let you know at home some of the small items we use a lot of at school and if you could occasionally add them to your shopping list or collect them at home and bring them in we would be very grateful. There is no pressure to donate. Thank you.

Our Wish Tree

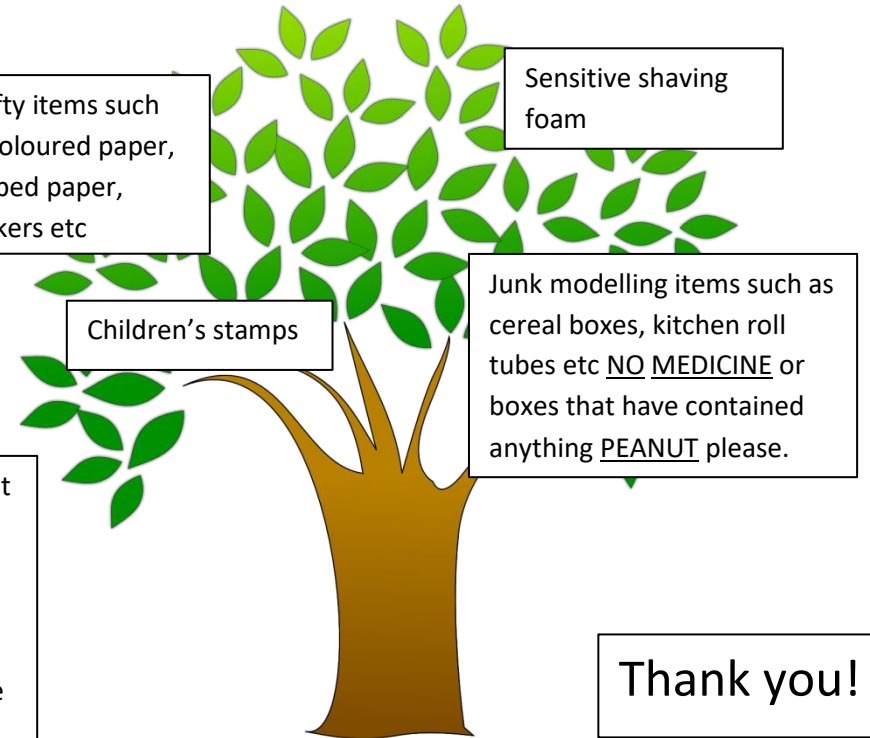
Crafty items such
as coloured paper,
shaped paper,
stickers etc

Sensitive shaving
foam

Children's stamps

Junk modelling items such as
cereal boxes, kitchen roll
tubes etc NO MEDICINE or
boxes that have contained
anything PEANUT please.

Thank you!



Early Years Curriculum

In Early Years the children follow the Foundation Stage Curriculum which is supported by Development Matters. The curriculum is split into 7 areas of learning.

In Nursery the children concentrate on the Prime Areas of learning and touch on the Specific Areas. This is explained further in the breakdown of what we will be up to this half term.



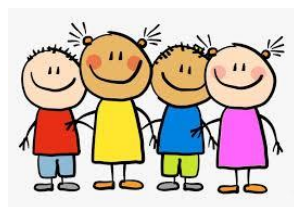
We will be keeping in touch over Tapestry. We hope to send little homework tasks home and show you what we are up to. Please make sure you have activated your account, and check it regularly, if you have any problems with your account please email admin@nhfs.uk

Prime Area – Communication and Language

Our biggest challenge at the start of Nursery is to learn and continue to develop the difficult skill of listening.

To support us in this we will be playing listening games. We will be trying to take it in turns to talk in small groups and in whole class situations too. With listening skills, we will be working on following simple instructions, such as “get your coat” or “wait at the door”.

The children will be introduced to new vocabulary and encouraged to explore different words to communicate. We will be focusing on familiarising ourselves with our peg picture nursery rhymes, and practicing to sing them regularly.



Prime Area – Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our main focus this half term is to get to know one another.

Finding out...

Our names,

Who is in our family,

What we like,

What we don't like,
and discussing our feelings.

We will also be working hard to share and care. We will be learning the importance of turn taking, and understanding the rules and routines that we have in school to keep us safe.

We will be building relationships with each other and relationships with the grown-ups in our classroom and our school.

Prime Area – Physical Development

PE Days – **Wednesday** and **Friday**
please wear your house coloured t-shirt with dark shorts, leggings or joggers, trainers or sand shoes too.

NO LACES! PE this half term is focusing on fundamental movements.

Physical development is not just about PE. As we settle into Nursery and get used to the setting, we will soon start to enjoy a daily run in the morning.



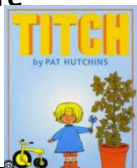
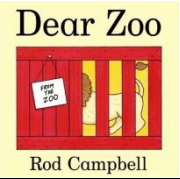


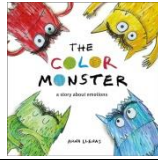
We go outside in the garden everyday regardless of the weather and we have opportunity to explore the climbing frame, the climbing apparatus and the bikes and scooters.



Fine Motor development is VERY important in Early Years; look out for some of our activities on Tapestry. We will be having a go at activities such as – threading, weaving, using tweezers and cotton bud painting. Completing fine motor activities will help us to develop a strong grip for holding scissors or a pencil when mark making.



As well as all of that, we will be doing daily dough disco and some squiggle whilst we wiggle sessions.

<p>Specific Area – Literacy</p>  <p>Enjoying reading and writing is something we promote at New Hartley. We will be enjoying daily stories; both whole class and smaller group time. We also have our cosy reading area open for the children to go and explore a story of their own accord. We will be linking a lot of our other learning through the stories we read. We will explore writing for different purposes. Making our mark known. We will also be working on recognising our own names.</p>	<p>Specific Area – Mathematics</p> <p>In Maths we will be concentrating on numbers 0-3 in the first instance. We will be reciting lots of nursery rhymes with numbers in to help us. Another maths focus will be making size comparisons in relation to objects and people (tall, short). As well as using our Mini me's to discuss positional language (where is...? Next to, under etc.)</p> <p>We will be going on Number hunts, playing number games and using jigsaws in our everyday exploring. We will complete some of our maths learning outside too!</p>	<p>Specific Area – Knowledge and Understanding of the World</p> <p>We will be working on developing positive attitudes about the differences between people. The children will also be encouraged to begin to make sense of their history and that of their families – looking and comparing now and then (seeing themselves as a baby). We will also be exploring using our senses in hands on investigation, to find out about things such as the seasons (Autumn) and events that happen at this time of year like Bonfire night. The children will look at where we are in the world; and will gain an understanding that there are different countries, using things such as holiday photos.</p>	<p>Specific Area – Expressive Arts and Design</p> <p>Marvellous Marks – Using a variety of media to explore making marks such as crayons, felt tips, chalk, pencils and more. We will use these means of creating to draw ourselves to find out how we currently view ourselves.</p> <p>Music – Nursery rhymes using puppets. What do we enjoy? What are the names of the musical instruments? How do you play the instrument – tap it, blow it, strum it.</p> 
<p>Stories focused on in Nursery this half term are</p>     			
<p><u>Regular adults in Nursery are;</u> Miss Elliott, Miss Lamb</p> <p>Other adults you might see; Mrs Nelson, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Fielding, Miss Wood, Mrs English, Mrs McAthey, Mrs Gates</p>			