



Nursery at New Hartley First School

Autumn 1

Regulate me/What can I do?



Welcome to Nursery at New Hartley First School.

Every half term, we will share a parent/carer information sheet with you via the school website and Tapestry. This is designed to keep you up to date with important information, provide helpful reminders and give you an insight into what your child will be learning, exploring and enjoying in Nursery.

Dates to remember:

EYFS coffee and catch up – Wednesday 16th September – 9am – School hall
School photographs – Friday 2nd October (*beginning of the week children can bring their child in – please speak to Mrs Henderson in the school office*)
Harvest Festival – Thursday 15th October (*Nursery children don't attend with school*)
Pumpkin Stay and play – TBC likely within week 7/8 of term
Parent's evenings – Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st October
Pantomime – Tuesday 20th October
Flu immunisations – Thursday 22nd October (ensure you have completed your NHS form)
End of half term – Friday 23rd October

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

Please bring a pair of wellies to school (named).



Our Wish Tree



Our Little Wish Tree is a way of letting you know about some of the small items we use regularly in Nursery. If you happen to have any of these items at home, or spot them while doing your shopping, we would be very grateful if you could add them to your shopping list or bring them into Nursery.

There is **absolutely no pressure to donate** – it is simply an opportunity to help us replenish some of the everyday resources the children enjoy using.

Thank you, as always, for your support!



Wish tree items

- * Large tubes of bubbles – for outdoor fun
- * **Gluten free** pasta – for threading and crafts
- * Wooden pegs – for crafts, keeping our wellies together and crafts
- * Pom poms – for fine motor activities
- * Corks – for craft and painting
- * Old birthday cards – for cutting and crafts
- * Junk modelling items such as cereal boxes, kitchen roll tubes, milk bottle tops etc NO MEDICINE or boxes that have contained anything PEANUTS please.



Early Years Curriculum

In Early Years the children follow the Statutory 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

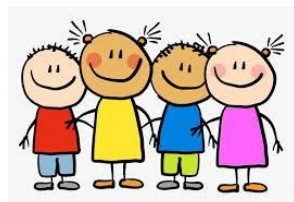
Prime Area – Communication and Language

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”.

Throughout the Nursery year the children will be introduced to new vocabulary and encouraged to explore different words to communicate. Some of these words will be linked to themes, areas we play or books.

A big focus for us this half term 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, including what we can do when we experience BIG feelings.

We will read stories and meet characters along the way to help us with these.

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 – Wednesdays and Fridays

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.



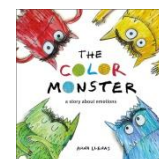
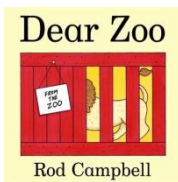
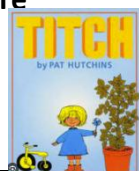
Remember a coat everyday!

Fine Motor development is VERY important in Early Years.

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. Please take a look at the pencil grip progression chart at the bottom and support your child at

			home.  As well as all of that, we will be doing daily dough disco and some squiggle whilst we wiggle sessions.
Specific Area – Literacy  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.	Specific Area – Mathematics 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.) 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!	Specific Area – Knowledge and Understanding of the World 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.	Specific Area – Expressive Arts and Design 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. 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. 

Stories focused on in Nursery this half term are



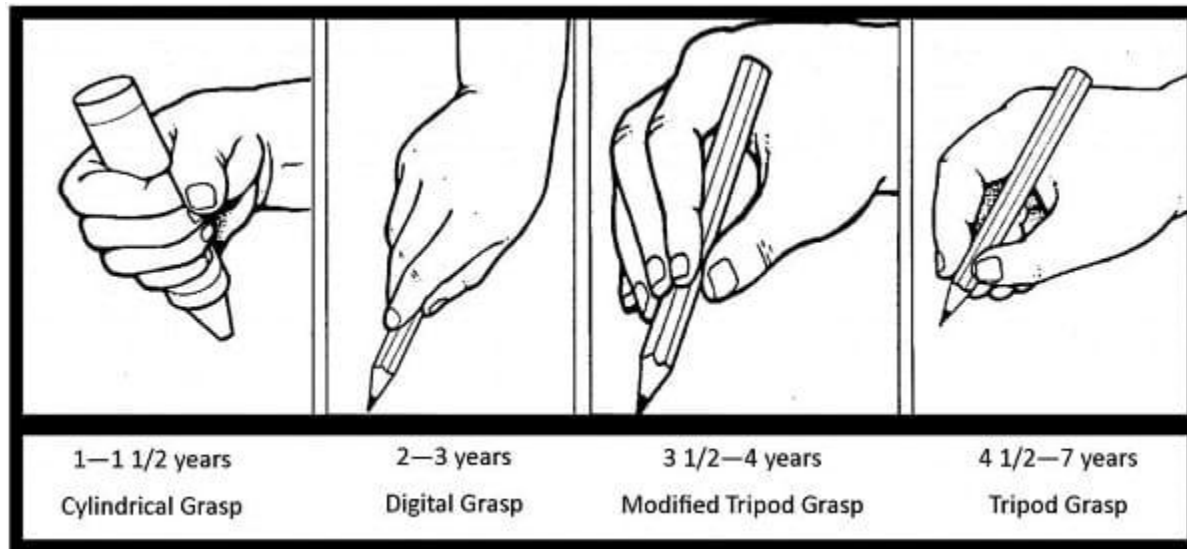
Regular adults in Nursery are;

Mrs Nelson, Mrs Madden, Miss Lamb, Mrs Fielding

Other adults you might see;

Mrs McAthey, Miss Elliot and Mrs Thompson

Typical pencil grip progression in young children –



By Reception and definitely by the end of Reception we would want every child to be using the tripod grasp.