

HARLYN PRIMARY SCHOOL
Autumn Term Curriculum Information

Nursery

Date: September 2026

Topics: 'Nursery Rhymes' and 'Colour & Shape'

Personal Social and Emotional Development
The children will be settling into Nursery and making new friends. They will develop their social skills through play by sharing, turn-taking and negotiating. They will grow in self-confidence and learn how to manage their feelings and behaviour.
Physical Development
The children will learn how to control and co-ordinate their bodies and learn how to move creatively and safely. They will develop both fine and gross motor skills such as jumping, running, balancing, throwing, catching, cutting, sticking and holding a pencil, and we will be learning how to use small and large equipment and tools appropriately. We will be discussing the effects of exercise and how we can stay healthy. We will encourage the children to develop independence when it comes to putting on coats, toileting and washing their hands.
Communication and Language
We will develop communication and language skills through discussion, imaginative role play, nursery rhymes and stories. The children will learn how to speak with confidence during carpet sessions and listen and respond with relevant comments, questions or actions. They will learn and use new vocabulary relating to topics and join in speaking and listening circle time games.
Literacy
In Nursery we have a daily phonics session. This will begin with Level 1, which will focus on developing children's speaking and listening skills. The emphasis during Level 1 is to get children attuned to the sounds around them and ready to begin developing oral blending and segmenting skills. It is split into seven areas: environmental sounds, instrumental sounds, body percussion, rhythm and rhyme, alliteration, voice sounds, and oral blending and segmenting. Level 1 lays the foundations for the phonic work which starts in Level 2 which focuses on sound recognition. Our daily phonics session encourages sound recognition and we practise mark making and letter formation by drawing the letter in the air, in sand, painting or using a pencil. We will also be learning to recognise and write our names. Ongoing activities include the writing table, painting easel, the reading corner and the role play area.
Mathematics
The children will learn number rhymes and will use games and puzzles to develop their number skills to 10 and beyond. We will be learning about counting and recognising numbers. We will also be learning about 2D shapes, measuring, long and short, matching and sorting, and repeating patterns.
Understanding the World
In our topic work we will be learning about Nursery Rhymes and Colours. We will also be learning about the concept of time, including now and long ago and day and night. Children also have access to tablets, sand and water play, construction toys, and small world toys. We will also be learning about different celebrations.
Expressive Arts and Design
The children will develop techniques using a range of media and will recognise different colours. They will develop control when painting and have continued access to modelling materials. We will be developing our creativity through drama and role play and we will be learning songs and Nursery Rhymes. The children will also have access to instruments and music.
Additional Information
Aspects of each area of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum will be represented through outdoor play where we will learn through both focused activities and free play. Please support your child at home by reinforcing sound recognition, counting and encouraging them to recognise and begin to write their name. Please send in your child's book bag on a Wednesday so that we can change their library book. Please also remember to provide a change of clothes in their named PE bag which we will keep at Nursery on their peg. Children are provided with a piece of fruit each day. If you would like your child to receive free milk please register at coolmilk.com .

