

Acorn Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome –

We hope you had an enjoyable summer holiday, and we are looking forward to collaborating with you and your child over the coming year.

Ashwell Learning Journey Topic

For the first half term our focus is 'Superheroes and Super Me!' The children will be talking about their families, things they like to do and people who help them. We will also be learning about the Harvest festival.

The second half term the focus will be Celebrations! The children will be learning about Bonfire night, Hanukkah and Christmas.

In Nursery, we carefully plan exciting learning opportunities, while remaining highly responsive to the children's interests. Through our observations and interactions, we identify what captures the children's curiosity and use this to enhance and extend their learning. This child-centred approach helps children stay engaged, motivated, and enthusiastic as they develop important skills across all areas of learning. By following their interests alongside our planned curriculum goals, we create meaningful experiences that support every child's development and foster a lifelong love of learning.

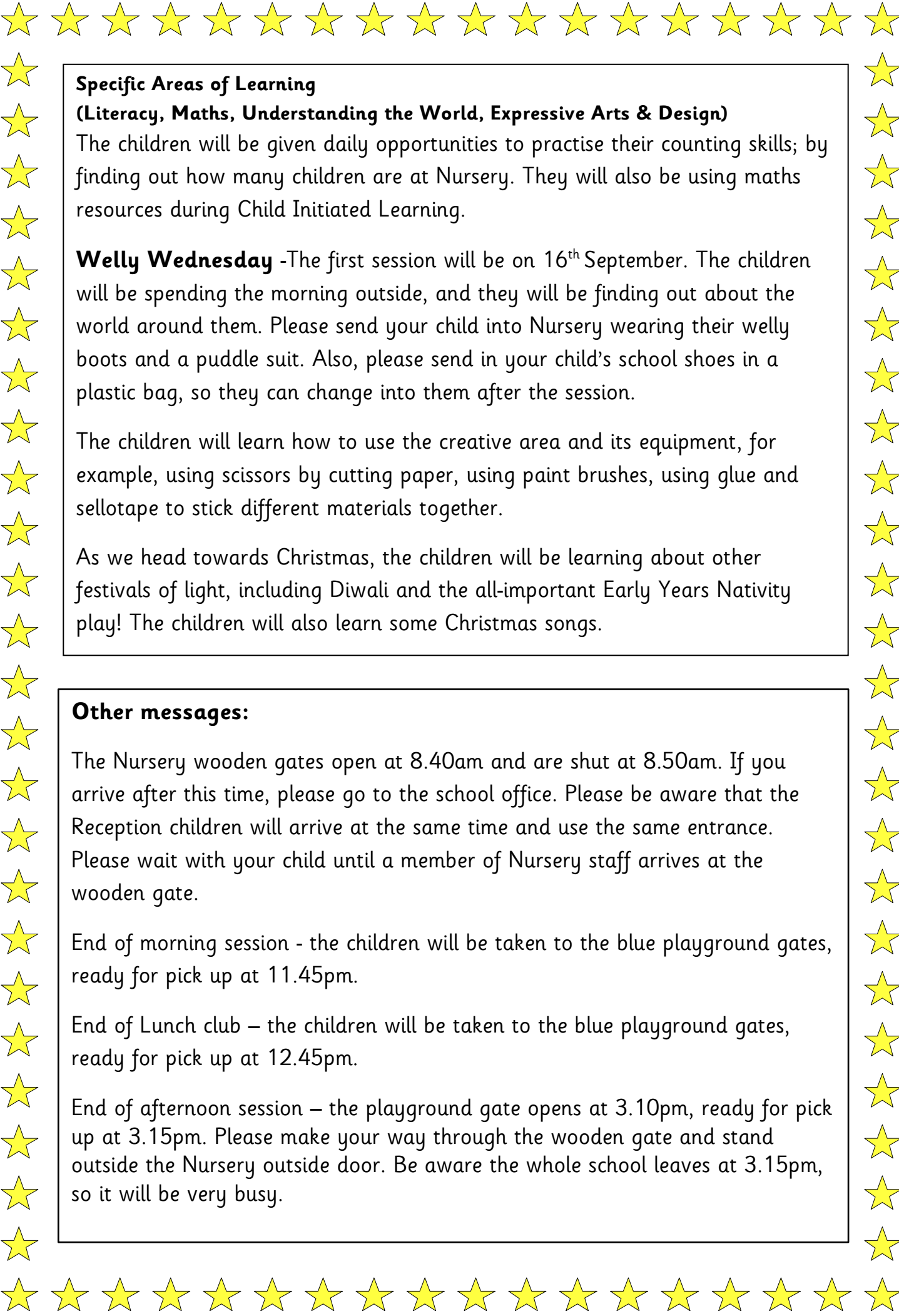
Prime Areas:

(Communication & Language, Personal, social, and emotional development & physical development)

Our focus for this term will be settling in. The children will be learning about the school rules, eating snack, using the inside and outside areas, using equipment and toys independently and tidying up. The children will also be encouraged to share and take turns.

The children will be given opportunities to develop their gross motor skills by using the large playground, the mud kitchen and the all-weather playground and equipment at the back of the school.

We will be encouraging the children's speaking and listening skills by reading stories and talking about them, singing lots of songs and talking to them whilst they are playing.



Specific Areas of Learning

(Literacy, Maths, Understanding the World, Expressive Arts & Design)

The children will be given daily opportunities to practise their counting skills; by finding out how many children are at Nursery. They will also be using maths resources during Child Initiated Learning.

Welly Wednesday -The first session will be on 16th September. The children will be spending the morning outside, and they will be finding out about the world around them. Please send your child into Nursery wearing their welly boots and a puddle suit. Also, please send in your child's school shoes in a plastic bag, so they can change into them after the session.

The children will learn how to use the creative area and its equipment, for example, using scissors by cutting paper, using paint brushes, using glue and sellotape to stick different materials together.

As we head towards Christmas, the children will be learning about other festivals of light, including Diwali and the all-important Early Years Nativity play! The children will also learn some Christmas songs.

Other messages:

The Nursery wooden gates open at 8.40am and are shut at 8.50am. If you arrive after this time, please go to the school office. Please be aware that the Reception children will arrive at the same time and use the same entrance. Please wait with your child until a member of Nursery staff arrives at the wooden gate.

End of morning session - the children will be taken to the blue playground gates, ready for pick up at 11.45pm.

End of Lunch club – the children will be taken to the blue playground gates, ready for pick up at 12.45pm.

End of afternoon session – the playground gate opens at 3.10pm, ready for pick up at 3.15pm. Please make your way through the wooden gate and stand outside the Nursery outside door. Be aware the whole school leaves at 3.15pm, so it will be very busy.

Self-help skills -Please help your child to be as independent as possible when using the toilet – pulling down trouser/skirt and pants, sitting on the toilet, pulling up pants and trouser, wiping themselves clean, washing hands etc. This will help them while using the toilets at Nursery.

Change of Clothes - If you have not already done so, please can your child bring in a change of clothes, including pants and socks. This will stay on your child's peg and will be used if your child needs a clean change of clothes.

Book Bag - Please ensure your child brings their book bag to Nursery each day so they can choose a storybook to take home and share with you. To help us keep our books in good condition, please do not place water bottles inside book bags, as any leaks may damage the books. Thank you for your support.

Water bottle – Please ensure your child brings a water bottle with them every day.

Library - Every Thursday, the children will get a chance to use our school library. Each child gets to choose a book to take home. Please ensure any library books are returned to school on a Thursday.

Clothing - As the weather starts getting colder, make sure you send your child in every day with a named coat. Please encourage your child to put their own coat on and let them try and do up any buttons or zips on their own.

Tapestry (online Learning Journal) - We will document 'Wow! Moments' on Tapestry. If you would like to share any of your child's 'Wow! Moments' from home, please add photos and a brief explanation on to Tapestry. We love sharing these moments with the children and it gives us a true picture of your child.

If you have any questions, please come and ask.

We are looking forward to a busy and fun Autumn term.

Best wishes

Mrs Denham and Mrs Forsdike