

St. John's Mead Nursery Class Curriculum Letter Term 3

Themes for the term

Happy New Year! We hope you have a happy and healthy 2025. Thank you so much for your kind words, cards and generous and thoughtful gifts. We hope that you all had a lovely holiday with your family and friends. We would love you to send in pictures of your family celebrations, so that we can look at the similarities and differences between us and other people. You can send your pictures via Tapestry by adding an observation.

We will be starting this term with the story 'Stickman' by Julia Donaldson. We will be thinking about how Stickman feels at different parts of the story, linking this to our own emotions. We will also be spending time looking at the different seasons in the story and how the world around us changes.

We are introducing 'Theatre Time' to Nursery this term, following on from the Snow Mouse and all the wonderful Nativity performances we saw last term. Theatre time will give your child a chance to recite their own stories and act them out with friends.

In Maths, we will be focusing on numbers up to five. Amongst other things, we will be counting small groups of objects, leading on to quickly recognising an amount of objects without needing to count them ('subitising'), and finding the numeral to match the amount. We will be asking the children to show 'finger numbers' up to five, and we will be solving real life number problems involving up to five objects. It would be great if you could do similar activities with your child at home.

Polite reminders:

-Please can you make sure your child has a named water-proof coat, wellies, water bottle and spare clothes in their bag at nursery.

-We are a nut free school so please do not put anything with nuts into your child's lunch box. This includes most chocolate spreads eg 'Nutella', some cereal bars and peanut butter.

-If your child borrows any of our Nursery clothing please could you ensure it is returned clean as soon as reasonably possible.

Thank you

Dates to Remember

- Week beginning 3rd February parent review meetings
- Friday 14th February Last day of Term 3
- Monday 24th February First day of Term 4
- Monday 3rd March Nursery bedtime story evening 5.00-5.30pm. More info to follow.

Warm clothing

We like the children to have access to a 'free-flow' environment in Nursery.

This means that we have the door to our Nursery garden open most of the time, and the children can go in and out as they please. Please ensure that your child has suitable warm clothing for this, including hats, scarves and mittens, all with names in.

If you would like to send your child into Nursery in their wellies, you are more than welcome to, as this makes getting ready to go outside much quicker. It is also very helpful to provide them with shoes that they can undo and do up on their own e.g. Velcro shoes instead of laces.



***URGENT REMINDER**

School applications need to be in by: January 15th 2025

Primary school applications can now be completed online at www.southglos.gov.uk/admissions. If you need a paper copy of the form, please speak to the main school office. Please be aware that children attending Nursery do **not** automatically transfer to Reception. If you need any advice on completing the online form please ask.