



THORPEDENE NURSERY SPRING NEWSLETTER

ACHIEVING, CARING AND RESPECTING WITH CONFIDENCE

November 2024

The children have all settled into the nursery well after half term, adjusting back into the routine. It's lovely to see all the children, investigating and embracing all the different activities on offer. We have all enjoyed the wonderful Celebrations so far this term, such as Fireworks Night, Remembrance Day and Children in Need, these are just a few of the celebrations we have learnt about this half term.

Autumn 2 - What your child will be learning this term

The children are enjoying a range of various activities linked to our topics. This half term the children will be exploring Autumn, learning about the different seasons and how they change, through seasonal walks, stories, and exploration. The children will be encouraged to be courageous, learn about self-confidence and trying hard to be independent. We took part in Nursery Rhyme Week 11th - 15th November, the official rhymes this year are Twinkle Twinkle, Old Macdonald, The Big Ship Sails, Incy Wincy Spider, and 5 Currant Buns. We will be taking part in different celebrations, discussing what and how our families celebrate some of these occasions. The children will use the Christmas story to learn about how Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus.



Stay & Play, Thursday 28th November 9:00-10:00

A massive thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us on our last Stay and Play. Please join us at our 'Autumn 2' Stay and Play session on Thursday 28th November from 9.00am to 10.00am. This stay and play is dedicated to celebrating 'Ourselves and Friendships'. We look forward to seeing you all. Thank you, in advance!

Tapestry

Photos and observations of your child's learning are added to a secure online Learning Journal website called Tapestry. You should have received an e-mail and set up the account using a link. This will allow you to access your child's Learning Journal and add photos/comments. If you are struggling to get onto Tapestry, please speak to any Nursery member of staff. Click on the link to access the website: <https://tapestryjournal.com/>

WHAT WILL MY CHILD NEED IN NURSERY?

- Nappies and wipes (if applicable)
- Spare clothes in a bag (these don't have to be school uniform)
- Labelled water bottle
- Wellies (to be kept in the Nursery for daily use)
- Appropriate coat/shoes for the weather (labelled)
- A healthy snack (Optional) /lunch if your child is attending all day.

We encourage parents to label all their children's belongings.

Nursery Gate

We would like to kindly remind parents to always close the gate behind them for the safety of the children.

The gates will be open at 8.20am for the morning drop off and 12.20pm for afternoon drop offs.

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WHAT ELSE IS GOING ON?

Primary School Admissions

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2025 the application window is now open until the 15th January. The link is below-

[Primary school admissions – Southend-on-Sea City Council](#)

Or contact the School Admissions Team on 01702 212934 they will be able to answer your enquiries. You can contact the team by email at admissions@southend.gov.uk

How can I support my child at home?



At Thorpedene Nursery we all love to read, developing our knowledge and vocabulary. We encourage Parents/Carers to read with their children at least three to five times a week to develop their love for reading. The children have many books on offer and are learning the importance of respecting and looking after our books.

Ducklings are Learning:

Phonics: We will continue our phase one letters and sounds, listening skills games and sound discrimination activities. E.g. listening to sounds in the environment, playing with musical instruments, etc. Children are encouraged to listen to the different sounds in words, especially how to pronounce these sounds correctly, staff will continue to scaffold their language development.

Maths: We will continue to learn counting from 1-5/10 and beyond through Nursery rhymes, counting objects, and actions e.g. claps or jumps. We will also revisit 2D shapes and learn about shapes and colours we can see in the environment.

Literacy: We will continue to explore a range of books linked to our topic and learn new vocabulary to describe and discuss our celebrations. We will explore mark-making with chalks to make fireworks, paint poppies for Remembrance Day, and use big and small hand movements to help us build the muscles in our fingers ready for when we start writing.

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Nursery Staff

Louise (Mrs Kennedy)
Suzanne (Mrs Foster)
Jade (Miss Murfitt)
Anna (Miss Ferola)
Emma (Mrs Lawrence)
Chloe (Miss Cosker)
Paige (Mrs Hindle)
Becky (Miss Thompson)





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CONTACT US

Over the last few weeks, we have had a great deal of learning and fun. Enjoy a few of our highlights!!



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