



Nursery Curriculum Newsletter- Spring 1 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely break.

Our theme for this half-term will be vehicles. The children have expressed an interest in different kinds of vehicles so we will follow their interest and see where it takes us!

We are very excited to be starting Forest School this term. We will now have PE on a Monday afternoon and Thursday morning and Forest school every Tuesday led by Mr Pratt. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather, they do not have to wear school uniform on this day. A puddle suit/waterproof trousers would be beneficial for them.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

Miss Hall, Mrs Hayford, Miss Hayes, Mrs Martin, Miss Smith and Mrs Harvey

Reminders

PE lessons are on a Monday afternoon and Thursday morning.

Please ensure your child comes to school in trainers and joggers/leggings on these days. Please ensure long hair is tied back.



Library – Your child will bring home a library book every Friday. Please return each week so that they can select a new one.



Follow us on X (@HighwoodSchool) where we will be sharing the excellent learning that happens at Highwood.

Communication and Language

We will be using language to express our opinions and wishes, answer questions and to experiment with real and nonsense words.



We will be learning lots of new words associated with different types of vehicles and road safety.

Physical Development

We will be negotiating space when using the wheeled toys in our outdoor area.

We will be having a go at writing our names, focusing on the shapes of the letters.

During PE sessions, we will be following get set 4 PE. We will be doing gymnastics.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We have had time to settle into school now and have established positive relationships with children and adults alike. We will be thinking about how we can show kindness to others and how we can resolve conflicts and find compromises when things do not always go the way we planned.

We will continue with our PSHE programme – Jigsaw. We will be focusing on challenges, overcoming obstacles and understanding that we should never give up!



Home Learning

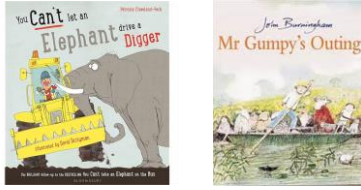
Please see the home-learning grid for some fun activities you can do at home with your child to consolidate their learning.

Take some time to look at your child's library book together. Encourage your child to talk about the pictures.

Most importantly – talk to your child about Nursery and all of the new things that they are doing.

Literacy

The children will be sharing lots of stories and rhymes. Some of our key texts may be:



We will be playing lots of games involving rhyming words and alliteration. We will match rhyming objects and see how many of our names begin with the same sound. These skills will really help us when we start doing phonics later in the year.

Mathematics

We will be doing lots of subitising. This is when you can see how many dots or objects there are without counting them. Dice games are very good for helping with this skill.



We will be matching numerals to quantities and seeing what happens to a group of objects when some are added or taken away.

Understanding the World

We will be thinking about different celebrations including Lunar New Year and Valentine's Day.



We will be looking at changes in the outdoor area and hopefully seeing some signs of spring. We will be busy planting seeds in the garden and watching them grow.



We will be thinking about road safety and how we can keep ourselves safe. We will have the opportunity to meet the local lollipop person and find out all about their job.



Expressive Arts and Design

We will be exploring the musical instruments to see how we can change the sounds they make. We will work together to create a dragon to use in a Chinese dragon dance.

We will be making tracks with the cars in paint and seeing what happens when the colours mix.



We will experiment with a range of different drawing materials both inside and outside. Outdoors we can do drawing on a larger scale, for example using chalk on the ground.

Request for donations

We would be grateful of donations of the following:

- Old greeting cards that we can use for cutting up (we only need the front with the picture on)
- Out of date/unwanted bags of flour that we can use to make dough
- Cardboard tubes from kitchen roll or wrapping paper (not toilet rolls)
- Seeds, living herbs such as rosemary, thyme, mint, etc.



While being voluntary the Early Years Fund is very much appreciated. From it we buy lots of little extras such as ingredients for making play dough and cooking activities. It is £7.00 each term. Payments can be made electronically through the School Gateway. If you need help with setting up this app, please speak to somebody in the office.