Bonner Primary

Every Child Thrives

Nursery Autumn 1

Curriculum Newsletter

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What to expect in Nursery

In Nursery this term, we are excited to welcome our youngest learners to explore and learn through play! The children will be developing early skills in language, physical coordination, and social interaction. Through fun, hands-on activities, we'll help them build confidence and settle into their new routines, focusing on sharing, communication, and learning how to navigate their world with curiosity and joy.

What will my child do in Nursery?

Throughout the Nursery year, we'll observe your child's development as part of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework. These ongoing assessments, done during play and daily activities, help us understand your child's progress in areas such as communication, social interaction, and physical skills. This allows us to support their development and prepare them for Reception.

The Nursery curriculum focuses on the Prime Areas of the EYFS: Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development and Communication and Language. These areas are the foundation for all future learning, preparing your child for the next stage of their early education. We'll keep you updated on their progress and offer tips on how to support their learning at home.

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Communication & Language
As part of our 'Myself and My Community' theme, children will develop their listening and speaking skills as they settle into Nursery. Through stories, songs, play and everyday routines, they will build their vocabulary, learn to follow simple instructions and grow in confidence when communicating their ideas, needs and experiences.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development (PSED)
As part of our 'Myself and My Community' theme, children will develop confidence as they settle into Nursery, building positive relationships with adults and other children. Through play and daily routines, they will begin to recognise their feelings, follow simple expectations and develop independence in caring for themselves and others.

Physical Development
As part of our 'Myself and My Community' theme, children will develop their gross and fine motor skills through active play, movement and practical activities. They will build strength, balance, coordination and confidence while becoming increasingly independent in everyday tasks and developing the physical foundations for writing.

Literacy
As part of our 'Myself and My Community' theme, children will enjoy a range of stories, rhymes and songs while developing early literacy skills. They will build a love of books, develop their vocabulary, explore mark making and begin to understand that marks and print carry meaning.

Maths
As part of our 'Myself and My Community' theme, children will develop early mathematical skills through songs, stories and practical play. They will learn to count, sort and compare objects, recognise simple patterns and use mathematical language to describe the world around them.

Understanding of the World
As part of our 'Myself and My Community' theme, children will explore themselves, their families and the people who help us. They will develop a sense of belonging within the nursery community while discovering the natural world, exploring their environment and beginning to use simple technology to capture their learning.

Expressive Art & Design
As part of our 'Myself and My Community' theme, children will explore their creativity through art, music, role play and imaginative play. They will experiment with a range of materials, create self-portraits inspired by famous artists, sing familiar songs and rhymes, and use play to express their ideas, experiences and understanding of the world.

Educational Visits & Experiences
Children will enjoy a range of exciting experiences linked to our 'Myself and My Community' theme, including Stay and Play sessions with families, visits from people who help us, seasonal and sensory walks, a teddy bears' picnic and opportunities to explore the local environment.

Whole School Events in Autumn 1

National Poetry Day
Thursday 1st October

Children will be taking part in activities across the school to celebrate National Poetry Day together.

Parents Evening 12th & 13th October 2026

We warmly invite you to Parents' Evening to discuss your child's progress and how they've settled into the new academic year.

Black History Month

This October, we will be celebrating Black History Month, and class assemblies will take place on **Thursday 22nd October 11:40am**

At Home in Nursery

How can I help my child in Nursery?

You can help your child in Nursery by reading with them, encouraging independence with small tasks, and engaging in conversation to develop their language skills. Playing together supports social skills, and creating a positive, supportive space at home helps them feel confident to explore and learn through play.

What home learning will my child get?

In Nursery it is really important that you ask your child about their day and encourage them to talk to you about what they have experienced in school. Talking is the best way of them consolidating what they have learnt, including new vocabulary they may have been learning.

Once the Nursery children are settled we will start sending home some story books and rhymes for you to share together with your child. Remember to ask them questions about the story and explain any unknown words or phrases.

We may also set challenges or tasks on Tapestry for you to work with your child on so watch this space!!

How to Help at Home in Nursery

Speak to your child's teacher

Be sure to speak to your child's teacher at various (non-parent evening) times during the year when you need to. They will be keen to help with any areas of concern you might have. The teacher can also answer any questions you might have about home or school learning. If you have concerns about your child's progress or attainment in reading or writing, please speak to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. If it is appropriate, the class teacher may refer your child on to the school SENDCO, who will work with you to identify your child's needs and put suitable provision into place.