

Gorse Hall Nursery Curriculum Matters

Autumn 2 2021

Welcome!

It has been an incredibly fun half term and thank you for your patience in helping us to settle your child into Nursery. As we head towards this new half term we will be continuing to support your child in their independence, communication, routines and boundaries. We have lots of experiences planned and of course it will soon be the festive session which itself brings excitement.

Please do not hesitate to ask if there is anything that concerns you, we are more than happy to help.

The most important thing is that your child is happy in Nursery.

Snacks and Drinks



We encourage you to provide your child with a **named** drinks bottle and we remind the children throughout the day to have a drink. We do not allow fizzy, energy drinks, cans or nuts for snacks or in lunch boxes.

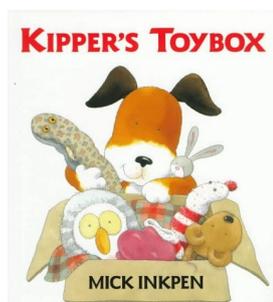
Wellington Boots



The children are loving the daily mile (the blue line) and we are beginning to extend our walk around the playground. This not only helps with their physical development but as it gets colder, will encourage your child's independence in putting their own coats and hats on. Every child now has a pair of wellies, so we will be spending time in the wooded area in the school grounds on our wellie walks.

Our topic this half term—'My Favourite Toy!'

We will be talking about their favourite toy and expanding their vocabulary with how different toys work (push, pull, batteries etc) We will be using construction toys to represent different toys and also making them in the creative area using joining techniques. We will be introducing scissors.



The key words for 'Our Favourite Toy' topic are — **push, pull, old, new and build.**

Seesaw

Please don't forget that communication is largely through the Seesaw app as this is quick and convenient. It is vital that you check for messages and please feel free to share any photos of your weekend. The children enjoy seeing themselves on the 'big tele' and it gives us an opportunity to develop their communication.

Library Books

After half term we will be starting our lending library. On a **Wednesday** we will invite you and your child to come into nursery to choose a book from our library to take home for the week. We will ask you to fill a record card so we know what your child has taken. This is a lovely opportunity for your child to choose a book and share with an adult. More details after half term.



Class Fund

Thank you to everyone that has given us a voluntary contribution of £1 a week. We have used the money this half term for baking and play dough ingredients. The children have loved their 'cheeky toast!' on a Friday.