

Gorse Hall Nursery Curriculum Matters

Autumn 2 2024

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.

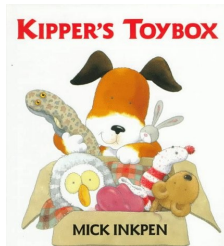
Wellington Boots



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, gloves and hats on.

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.



Library Books

After half term we will continue our lending library. On **Wednesdays** we invite your child to choose a book from our library to take home for the week. This is a lovely opportunity for your child to choose a book and share with an adult. Please note we can only exchange books on a Wednesday.



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 disco / sensory lights, play dough ingredients and interesting objects for our Attention Bucket.

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



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.

Key Dates: 2024

1st Nov— Application for Reception Places Opens Online

4th Nov—School reopens

13th Nov—Flu Sprays for Reception

18th Nov—SEND Coffee Morning 9:10am

29th Nov—School Christmas Fair

9th Dec—Nativity for Birch and Oak—Time TBC

12th Dec—Jumper Day

17th Dec—Christmas Party for Birch

20th Dec—School Closes for Christmas