

# Nursery

The Foundation Stage Curriculum is delivered through Prime Areas: **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**; **Physical Development** and **Communication and Language**.

These core skills are developed through Specific Areas of Learning: **Literacy**; **Mathematics**; **Understanding of the World** and **Expressive Arts and Design**.

## Reading and Phonics

Thank you to all the parents/carers who have sent in Book Bags. Nursery are now bringing home books to share on a weekly basis, please ensure that books and diaries are kept in the book bag. If you would like your child to start bringing books home then send in a book bag and let Mrs Banks or Mrs Spooner know.

May we also ask that water bottles are not kept in Book Bags, bottles often leak and this can damage the books.

## Daily Diet

Children need to hear at least 5 stories a day to help develop language skills, at school we aim to read 2/3 books per session. So at home you need to aim to share a further 2/3 books each day. Follow this link to find out more about the benefits of reading at home;

<http://www.booktrust.org.uk/>

## Lights, lamps and Lanterns.

During this topic we will look at the Autumnal changes that are taking place around us.

We are also going to find out about some of the upcoming Celebrations...Halloween, Bonfire Night and Diwali.

Towards the end of the term we will be getting ready to Celebrate Christmas.

## Home Learning

Autumn Walks – if you go out please collect any objects which we could add to our Nature Area such as leaves or conkers. Also we would like you to send in some photographs or items relating to the Celebrations you share with as a family...Halloween, Bonfire Night or Diwali.

If you have difficulties printing photos you can always email them to the school – [homelearning@catshill.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:homelearning@catshill.worcs.sch.uk)

## Outdoor Curriculum

In Nursery we use our outdoor learning area every day, whatever the weather, please ensure your child comes ready to go outside! This may include waterproofs as well as a sun hat at the moment. **As with all clothing items it is essential that it is clearly named**, please check regularly that names are still in clothes as they can become faded.

## Upcoming Dates

Parents Evening will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November – look out for the sign-up sheet outside Nursery after the Half Term Break.

The Early Years Nativity will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – look out for times and tickets in Autumn 2.

## Clothing and Water bottles

Please ensure all clothing is clearly named – half term is a great opportunity to check that names are still in jumpers and cardigans. Children need to bring in a healthy drink, such as water, every day to help our brains stay ready to learn. Please name water bottles.