



QUEENSWAY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Nursery – Robin Class

I am delighted to introduce our Nursery team and share an overview of the learning experiences we have planned for the children between now and Christmas.

Meet the team

Mrs Robinson - Class Teacher
Mrs Rich -Teaching Assistant
Miss McLaughlin -Teaching Assistant
Mrs Lowe – Teaching Assistant

Topic

'**Marvellous Me**' is our theme for this term, and it provides a strong, personal focus that connects learning across English, Mathematics, Personal, Social and Emotional Development and Communication and Language.

English
This term, the children will be listening to and joining in with stories that use repetitive phrases and rhyming words. Our chosen texts include Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? and Chocolate Moose for Greedy Goose. In Term 2, we will begin to introduce Little Wandle Phonics, where the children will start to explore sounds through singing, playful activities, and listening carefully to the different sounds around them.
Mathematics
This term in Maths, the children will be joining in with a variety of number songs such as 5 Little Ducks and 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive. Through these songs, they will begin to develop early counting skills, number recognition and an awareness of number order. The children will also be encouraged to use number names naturally throughout their play, helping them to build confidence in talking about numbers in everyday situations. We will be practising counting by saying number names up to 10 and exploring small groups of objects, such as finding sets of two or three, to support early understanding of quantity.
Personal, Social, Emotional Development
This term, the children will be spending time getting to know one another and beginning to explore what it means to be a good friend. Through developing new language and communication skills, we will support them in talking about themselves, their families and the people who are important to them. During circle time, the children will be encouraged to share their thoughts, listen to others and build confidence in expressing their ideas, helping them form positive relationships within the classroom.

To find out what we are learning in all the other subject areas please look at the '**Knowledge Organisers**' which can be found on the school website and our classroom blog.

Environment

The children will have access to both our indoor and outdoor learning areas through free flow, allowing them to choose where they would like to play and explore. We will also be taking adventure walks around the school grounds to support their curiosity and understanding of the world. Please ensure your child has appropriate, named clothing and footwear, including clearly labelled wellies and a warm coat as the weather becomes colder.

Evidence Me

Evidence Me is used in school to capture observations of children's learning through photographs and written comments. Recently, you provided your email address, which we will use to send you an invitation to create your own password and access your child's online learning journey. Once logged in, you will be able to regularly view their progress and contribute your own observations by uploading to Evidence Me.

We warmly welcome any moments you wish to share, whether your child is learning a new skill, enjoying a family day out, celebrating a special event or simply showing something they are proud of. These contributions help us build a fuller picture of your child's development and ensure staff can support them even more effectively in school.

Ways you can help your child

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you how valuable it is to share books with your child each day. We are passionate about reading and we know how important it is to nurture a love of reading for pleasure from an early age. Spending time talking together about the stories you read will help your child develop key early reading skills and build positive and enjoyable experiences around books.

Named clothing/spare clothing

We would really appreciate it if all your child's belongings were clearly named, as this helps us prevent items from being misplaced. We also ask that every child has a spare set of clothes in their bag, including underwear and socks, as accidents can happen and our learning often involves messy, hands-on activities.

Session times

Morning session	8.30 – 11.30am
Afternoon session	12.00 – 3.00pm
30 hours	9.00 - 3.00pm

Children attending the 30-hour provision who have siblings arriving before 9:00am may access Nursery from 8:30am if required. An additional charge will apply for this early arrival period.

Finally, please remember to visit our blog at: <https://classroom.google.com>. This is a great way to find out what we have been up to in our class.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you and are excited for the year ahead. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak with us at drop off or collection.

Best wishes,
Mrs Robinson (Nursery Leader)