

Nursery
Parent Curriculum Letter
Autumn Term 2 - 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a relaxing half term break and your children are as excited as we are to be back. If you have any "Wow!" moments or something your child may have celebrated such as family birthday, something they have learnt or made during the half term holiday, please upload them to your child's Tapestry Journal. We love reading and sharing them with the class.

The pupil's library books will continue to be changed on Monday each week, don't forget to sign their Home Learning records each time you share a story. If their book is signed 5 times in a week, your child's 'Golden Ticket' will be entered into the weekly reading draw and they may be lucky enough to win a chocolate Wonka bar!

If you have any queries or concerns, you can contact us on our class email - nursery@gadevalley.herts.sch.uk, however please be aware that a response may take up to 48 hours as we do not monitor emails during nursery hours. If your query is urgent, please contact the school office on 01442 391324.

Thank you for all your support!

Best Wishes,

Mrs Wiltshire, Mrs Mayes, Mrs Walker & Miss Heritage

**Personal,
Social &
Emotional
Development**

As the pupils are now familiar with the Nursery, we have introduced our 'Superstar Chart'. Every time we see children showing good behaviours; sharing, being friendly, good learning, and so on, they get to move onto the next stage in our chart. When they reach the 'Superstar' they receive 3 house points and a sticker.

We have also introduced the pupils to our whole school CHAMP values. Learning to be Confident, Helpful, Attentive, Motivated and Perseverant. Each day we will look out for pupils who have consistently demonstrated these qualities and will award a CHAMP of the day sticker. In sharing assembly on a Friday, a CHAMP of the week certificate will be handed out and the child will get to take home the class dog called Benson. If possible please could you take a photo of your child doing something with Benson to post on Tapestry and we can share this with the class after the weekend. This will continue throughout the school year.

Key Text: Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

**Communication
& Language**

As you will have seen, we focus our learning on a book and rhyme/song of the week. The book is chosen to match the pupils' interests, is read each day and the pupils are encouraged to retell the story in their own words. During snack time, the pupils choose where they would like to sit. With adult support, they will carry on developing their listening skills, taking note of what others say in conversations and responding appropriately, using varied language and more complex sentences.

Key Text: Little Red Riding Hood.

Literacy

Through our Book of the Week, we will be thinking about the way stories are structured and encouraging the pupils to make predictions, sharing their own ideas about what might happen next. The pupils will have opportunities to develop play around their favourite stories using props available and props they make themselves. During group time, the pupils will engage in extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary to use in their play. As the pupils develop their mark making skills, we will provide opportunities for them to trace over the letters in their name.

Key text: The Gingerbread Man.

Maths	<p>This half term we will be introducing group time activities. The pupils will work in small groups led by an adult, on a selection of maths related practical activities, such as counting and comparing, number recognition and developing confidence when matching numerals to quantities. The pupils will learn to recognise numbers in the environment and understand that numbers represent an amount.</p> <p><i>Key texts: The Three Little Pigs.</i></p>
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Understanding of the World	<p>This half term we will continue to enhance the pupil's learning experiences, allowing them to get the most from the outdoor environment and drawing their attention to seasonal changes. The pupils will also be learning about Christmas traditions around the world and how different families celebrate Christmas.</p> <p><i>Key Texts: The Enormous Turnip.</i></p>
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Expressive Arts and Design	<p>We were very impressed last term with some of the fantastic creations the children made in the first half term. They have enjoyed using the creative areas, painting, drawing, cutting and sticking. We hope this will continue as we introduce new resources and inspiring activities to spark their imagination. As we approach Christmas, the pupils will be creating their decorations for the school Christmas Tree and making Christmas cards.</p> <p><i>Key Text: The Nativity.</i></p>
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Physical Development	<p>In P.E. the pupils will be developing their fundamental movement skills through the topic 'all about me'. These include balancing, running, changing direction, jumping, hopping and travelling. The pupils will develop their gross motor skills through a range of activities. They will learn how to stay safe using space, follow rules and instructions while working both independently and with a partner.</p> <p>The pupils will continue to complete 'Busy Finger' activities in the morning, which are designed to help them develop their fine motor skills.</p> <p><i>Key Text: The Three Billy Goats Gruff.</i></p>
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Reading at Home	<p>The pupils will continue to choose a book to bring home each Monday to share with you. Please sign and date your child's Family Learning Book every time you read with them (no more than 7 times in a week). If the pupils share a book at home 5 times in a week, their Golden Ticket will be entered into the whole school Willy Wonka Reading draw on Friday. When they have shared their book 50 times at home, they will be awarded their first reading certificate.</p>
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<p>Important Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W/B Monday 10th November- Anti-Bullying Week • Thursday 13th November- Celebration Evening (4:00pm-5:00pm) • Tuesday 18th November- Whole school Skipping Workshop • Friday 28th November- Dressing the Tree • Monday 1st December- OCCASIONAL DAY • Thursday 11th December- KS1 Christmas Play Performance (9:15 am and 2:30pm) • Friday 12th December- Christmas Fair (timings to be confirmed) • Wednesday 17th December- Christmas Dinner Day • Thursday 18th December- School Disco (3:15pm-4:30pm) • Friday 19th December- END OF TERM finish at 1pm • Tuesday 6th January- First Day Back (Spring Term) 	
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