

West Rise Nursery

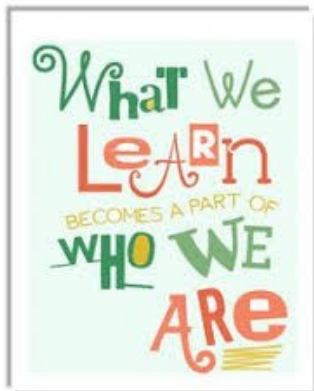
# NURSERY NEWS

Autumn Term –2020



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EVERY CHILD CAN LEARN



JUST NOT IN THE SAME WAY

## WELCOME



Welcome to our existing families and also to all our new families. For some of you this will be your first newsletter. The purpose of the newsletter is to keep you up-to-date with all the exciting news and events that will be happening in Nursery. We will also be informing you of key dates such as inset days and

closures, trips etc. We will also be talking about the variety of activities the children will be involved in together with a 'who is visiting Nursery this term' and also 'what's new' to name but a few.

We would love to hear your thoughts on this newsletter and we would be happy to hear about the kind of information you would like to be included. You will also be able to view the newsletter on our website.

## THANK YOU

We would like to say a big thank you to all of our families for supporting your children so well through their transition period into Nursery. Our soft starts and finishes are working well. Thank you for remembering your times for drop off and collection to help ease congestion. Thank you also so very much for social distancing on the school site and to all parents/carers for wearing face masks on the premises - it is vital that we are all able to stay safe.

## KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

11 December	Christmas Jumper Day
18 December	Last day of Nursery and School
04 January 2021	Return to Nursery and to School



## Settling in



The children have been settling in beautifully and thank you for working in partnership with us to make this a smooth transition. The children are now familiar with our daily routine and also with the areas within the Nursery.

We have all been getting to know each other during free play and circle times and we are beginning to see some lovely friendships blossom. The children have also drawn a portrait of themselves and these can be seen on our 'Marvellous Me' display in Nursery. Alongside all our learning is our complete immersion in a Mindful approach to nursery life. The children use all their senses and deep breathing to harness the full potential of a calm and focused brain. We will talk more about this in our next newsletter.



## AREAS OF LEARNING

### Physical development

The children have had the opportunity to explore and develop in our nursery garden. They have been using the cup stilts and wooden steps to practice balancing, climbing and jumping.



To practice their co-ordination skills they have been playing skittles,



## What have we been doing?

This term we have been learning all about the changes that Autumn brings. The children have been exploring seasonal vegetables, including pumpkins and butternut squash. They have been drawing pictures of pumpkins and colouring them in with crayons. They have also been on a Autumn walk and discovering conkers and a variety of different coloured Autumn leaves.



Other Autumn activities have included the children doing some conker rolling in paint, plus leaf and apple printing, and all their lovely work has been put up on our Autumn Display. We have also been singing Autumn songs

and sharing stories.



The children have also made healthy apple crumble, baked some bread and roasted some seasonal vegetables, delicious! In our home corner we have created a farm shop where the

children have engaged in some wonderful imaginative play.



Both Toddlers and Pre-school children have been exploring the Honey Bee garden in the rain in our wet weather clothing. When John came back inside he said "We have had a great day in the Honey Bee garden!"



## WELCOME



We would like to welcome Lauren our EYTS student from the University of Sussex, Lauren will be with us until May 2021.



We would also like to welcome Len who you may know from the infant school. Len is with us on a Monday and a Tuesday.