



Nursery Newsletter September 2026



Welcome to our Autumn Term!

We hope you all had a lovely summer break and are as excited as we are about the fun packed year ahead. We have already had a busy few days and the children are settling in really well, whilst enjoying exploring the environment.

The Nursery team this term is as follows: Miss Smith, Mrs Cadey, Mrs Arnold and Miss Webster, who have loved spending time getting to know your little ones over the past few days.

School Website

Our school website is a great way to keep up to date with everything that is taking place in Nursery. We are constantly updating our web page with important information, as well as photos and videos of the children's learning.

Make sure you visit the Nursery page on the academy website regularly. Find us at www.oldcleeprimaryacademy.co.uk then click the 'Children' tab, followed by 'Year Groups' and 'Nursery'.

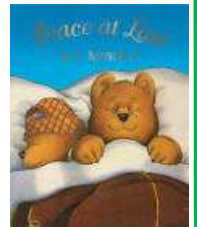
Social Media Reminder

We are using our school media account frequently, so please follow us on Facebook (@Old Clee Primary Academy) to see what the children have been up to!



Communication and Language

This half term in Nursery, we will be focusing on the theme 'All about me'. This will be based around the children settling in, showing their interests and dislikes, as well as understanding routines and expectations. Our focus stories are 'The Colour Monster' and 'Peace at Last', which will help us discuss what makes them unique, as well as sharing discussion about their own families. We will be taking part in lots of activities around feelings, and how to recognise and deal with the differing feelings they have. We will also be practising lots of songs and nursery rhymes, as well as learning lots about colours! Throughout this half term we will also learning about Autumn and Harvest.



Week 1- Settling in to Nursery

Week 2- What do I look like? Who is in my family? Family photos on Tapestry

Week 3- Exploring Colour Home Project- create a family tree.

Week 4- Our Senses

Week 5- What is Autumn

Week 6- What is Harvest?

Week 7- Nursery stay and Play/ Harvest Festival

Week 8- Parents' Meetings

Maths

Our focuses this half term for maths are:

- Colour- Can your child recognise colours?
- Sorting- Can they match and sort objects by colour? Or theme?
- Pattern- Can they continue a simple pattern? For example: red, yellow, red, yellow or conker, stone, conker, stone.



Physical

During this half term, we will be providing lots of learning opportunities, which encourage both gross motor and fine motor movements. We will also begin 'Dough Disco' and 'Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle', which are programmes designed to help children develop their fine and gross motor muscles.

PE

PE will be every **MONDAY**. Please come to Nursery already wearing your PE kit on this day.

- Plain white t-shirt – NO logo/fashion or football tops
- Plain black/navy/grey bottoms or shorts (no logos or stripes) and suitable trainers. **Velcro** fastened trainers (unless your child can tie their own laces).

Habits of Mind

Across the academy, we encourage children to develop six **Habits of Mind** that help them become confident, resilient and independent learners:

Striving for Accuracy – taking care and checking our work.

Persisting – keeping going when things are challenging.

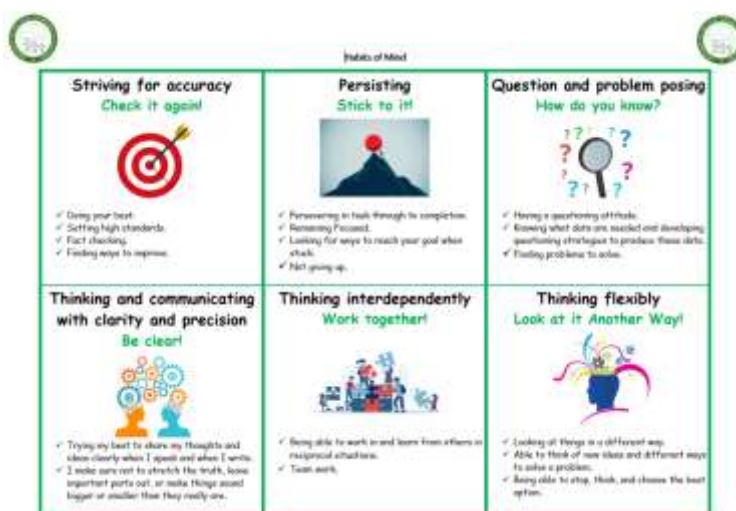
Questioning and Problem Posing – being curious and asking thoughtful questions.

Thinking and Communicating Clearly and Precisely – explaining our ideas clearly.

Thinking Interdependently – listening, sharing ideas and working well with others.

Thinking Flexibly – being open to new ideas and different ways of thinking.

These habits help our children approach learning with **curiosity, confidence and resilience**.



How you can help at home

We are always keen to work in partnership with parents and the more you can support your child with their everyday learning, the more prepared they will be in their journey throughout their education. Please do not hesitate to get in contact with us if you wish for further help and support with home learning – we can always offer ideas and advice to make learning fun at home!

- Read with your child as much as you can, and share your thoughts with one another about the story.
- Talk about their day at Nursery, what they have liked and what they have been learning.
- At home or if you are out in the community, encourage your child to look at label colours, shapes, count steps, trees or cars and talk about what they can see.



Tapestry

We will use Tapestry to share photos and what we are working on with your child in Nursery and ideas of how you can help at home. You can also add photos to Tapestry of special events, news or places you have been, which we will share during 'Tapestry Time'.

Nursery Noticeboard

Please keep an eye on our notice board which is situated at the Nursery gate. We change the notices regularly, giving information about learning opportunities, keeping you up-to-date with what is happening and sharing any information that you may need.

Home Project

Our home project this half term is to create your own family tree. You can be as creative and as imaginative as you wish, and we will display these in Nursery and talk to the children about it.



Also, this half term we will be inviting you to a Stay and Play session, where you are able to come and see the wonderful Nursery environment and spend some time exploring with your little ones. Date and times to be confirmed. Keep an eye on the window notices at Nursery and also the Old Clee Facebook page for details.

Other Information

Please ensure that ALL of your child's uniform and belongings are clearly labelled with their full name. This will help to prevent loss of belongings.

Water

Please ensure your child brings a bottle of plain water to Nursery with them. They are able to help themselves to their water throughout the Nursery session. Full time children may bring a bottle of juice to be consumed with their lunch. Please ensure that all water bottles are clearly labelled.

The Nursery Team would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the school year to support your child's learning and development.

Kindest Regards,

The Nursery Teaching Team