

Kerr Mackie Primary School

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Classes: Nursery- Beech and Pine
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Term: Autumn 1 Topic: What makes me special?



We would like to welcome all of our Nursery pupils and their families to
Kerr Mackie Primary School.

Personal, Social & Emotional

This half term we will be helping children to settle into the Nursery environment. We will be supporting children to make positive relationships with staff and other children. We will also be encouraging children to become more independent and to explore their surroundings.

Each Monday we will share our weekend 'news' in our key groups. The children will learn to take turns sharing their news and will begin to develop their confidence in talking in a small group and listening to other children. You can help by talking to your child before school on a Monday about your weekend activities. Also please let us know if there has been a special event in your family that your child would like to share. This will help them become more confident when telling their news.



Communication, Language & Literacy

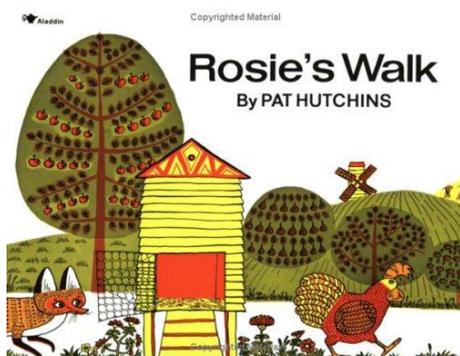
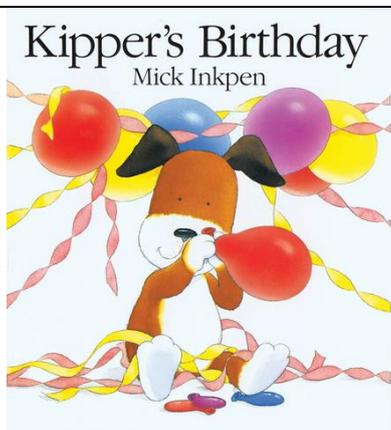
This half term we will be exploring 'What makes me special?' Learning about ourselves and our families.

The children will start to develop their confidence in talking to others and will be encouraged to build up imaginative role plays in the home and birthday role play areas. We will be sharing things we like and dislike and finding out about our families.

We would like to share some photographs of our Nursery children and their families. Please look out for more information on the parents' notice board in the nursery entrance.

Children will begin to learn stories using an approach called 'Talk for Writing'. Each day they will retell a story using actions. The stories which will be introduced this half term are: *Kipper's Birthday and Rosie's Walk*. We will also be focusing on learning rhymes and songs.

Children will be given lots of



opportunities to develop their writing skills for different purposes both inside and outside.

In Phonics we will be using letters and Sounds, a structured Phonics Programme. The children will practise their listening skills in small groups. They will learn to discriminate between different sounds and will explore making sounds.

Mathematics

This half term in Number we will be learning to:

- Recite numbers in order to 10 and beyond.
- Count a small group of objects, pointing carefully at each one.
- Select a small number of objects when asked.
- Notice numbers in the environment.

The children will be taught that anything can be counted including claps, jumps etc.

The children will also be looking at pattern and comparing and sorting similar objects into groups.



Understanding the World

We will be learning about our bodies and our five senses. We will explore the senses of sight, sound, smell, hearing and touch in the investigation area and in the outdoor environment. We will also be learning more about where we live and discussing 'What makes us special?'

In technology we will be using the interactive whiteboard to access different games and stories. We will make our own pictures using the Paint program.



Expressive Arts and Design

Children will be encouraged to express themselves using a range of different materials. Children will have the opportunity to create artwork using materials in 2D and 3D forms. They will learn to use tools to cut and join materials and select resources to use independently.

They will be encouraged to engage in imaginative role-play based on their own first hand experiences and using the stories introduced this term.

Physical Development

Children will be encouraged to move freely and with confidence in a range of ways. To negotiate space successfully and travel around, under, over and through by balancing and climbing on the equipment outside.

The children will be encouraged to become more independent in putting their coat on. We will encourage them to put their arms into the sleeves, then we will start the zip off for them or support them with their buttons. Please encourage your child to put on their own coat and dress themselves.

Nursery Routines

Morning Nursery – Beech class

Doors open at 8:45am and will be closed at 9:00am. Any children arriving after this time will need to be signed in at the School Office. At the end of the session, doors are opened at 11:35 and all children must be picked up promptly by 11:45.

Afternoon Nursery – Pine class

Doors open at 12:15pm and will be closed at 12:30pm. Any children arriving after this time will need to be signed in at the School Office. At the end of the session doors are opened at 3:05pm and all children must be picked up promptly by 3:15pm

To encourage reading and the enjoyment of stories the Nursery team will be starting a library. Every Friday children can choose a book to take home. The books are stored in the Nursery entrance and can be returned and changed each Friday.

As we recognise the importance of outdoor learning, children will spend part of most days outside (whatever the weather). It is therefore **very important that children come to school in a warm coat**. It is also recommended that children keep wellington boots in school, to use on rainy days. Please label coats and wellington boots. In case of wet clothing, please can all children have a bag of spare clothes (including pants and socks) on their peg each day.

Please can we remind Nursery parents/ carers NOT to use the bar to keep the main gate open in the playground. The school gates must be kept securely closed at all times to keep children safe.

Thank you for your support. Please come and talk to the Nursery team if you have any questions.

The Nursery Team – Mrs Johnson, Mrs Sanig and Miss Mahmood