



Curriculum Letter - Autumn Term 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely Summer and we would like to extend a very warm welcome to our newest members of the Tiggywinkles Family - we are excited to be a part of your child's learning journey!

Our themes this term are 'Me. Myself, I' and 'Toys and Teds'. We shall start the first half of the term learning all about ourselves, with a strong emphasis on exploring the environment using our senses. After half term we will learn various aspects of toys and teds, including how toys have changed and looking at toys around the world. We will also be looking at various celebrations including Harvest and Mid-Autumn Festival, Advent, Diwali, Hannukah and Christmas.

In order for you to support your child at home, we have briefly explained some of the things we will be doing at school this term and you can find further ideas on the Tiggywinkles webpage.

The Early Years curriculum is split into seven areas and we would like to explain to you our focus in each area this term. We would like to reiterate that at Tiggywinkles we work at the individual pace of each child, and therefore, children will work at their own levels of abilities and interests.



Communication, Language and Literacy

During this term we will be exploring stories including Lucy's Picture, The Kissing Hand, Going on a Bear Hunt and use puppets and props to retell and sequence stories. The children will learn to recognise and write their names and listen to and follow instructions. We will concentrate on singing and re-telling familiar rhymes as this is important for auditory discrimination and listening skills, exposing children to a rich range of language, increasing concentration skills and phonemic awareness.

We will be showing the children how to take care of books and will be listening and looking at a wide range of fiction and non-fiction literature. We shall ensure that the children have an effective pencil grip in readiness for writing their names and other fine motor activities.



Mathematical Development

In maths we will cover a range of topics such as counting and recognising numerals, create simple patterns using a variety of items, make pictures using 2D shapes and the children will build towers using construction toys. There will be lots of opportunities to count and recognise numbers to 5/10 (and beyond) and write them using various media. The children will measure each other using standard and non-standard measurements and help to make height charts and a bar chart using the various colours of our eyes.



Personal, Social, Emotional development

The children will be learning to independently choose activities, work in groups and share with one another. We will be thinking about the behaviours we should display when at pre-school and make our golden rules for the year. The children will be shown how to and be encouraged to keep good personal hygiene habit as well as becoming independent to dress and use the toilet. In line with our values of kindness and compassion, we shall be collecting food items in readiness for Harvest Festival and thinking about families that are less fortunate than ourselves. Closer to Christmas we will also be asking for donations of toys that will be collected by a local Toy Drive initiative and support Children in Need. More details will follow for all of these activities.



Understanding the World

This term we will use our five senses to explore our environment, such as tasting and smelling various foods and making 'feely' collages. The children will look at the past and present in relation to 'ourselves'. We will undertake some scientific experiments and think about healthy eating. During the Toys and Teds topic, the children will look at toys from the past and discuss how they differ from the toys they play with today. They will also be donning their chef's hats and making fruity milkshakes, vegetable soup and Halloween biscuits.



Expressive arts and design

This term brings lots of music, movement and role-play. The children will think of different ways to move with increasing control and using different equipment. We will be singing songs that require lots of physical movement, and practise singing in both English and French.

We will be making a 'Mini-Me' and painting a self-portrait - Van Gogh style as well as making a smelly picture! The children will have the opportunity to design and create their own toy that moves. Nearer to Christmas, we will be making lots of sparkly winter-related items and learning songs for our Nativity.



Physical Development

This term we will be focusing on both gross and fine motor skills. We will help the children to develop fundamental skills such as balancing, coordinating space, throwing and catching. During this term we will be looking at the importance of eating healthy foods and how and why we need to exercise.

We will be sending books home regularly for you to read with your child. Our 'Sharing a Story' initiative is to increase the children's love of books before they start reading for themselves! The children do choose them independently, and if they particularly enjoy a story, you might find it coming home regularly!

We warmly promote parental involvement and welcome contributions from our parents, so if you have any further ideas, suggestions and resources or would like to come and share a favourite story or special festival with us, then please let us know.

We are very much looking forward to a busy and exciting term.

With very best wishes

Julie and the Tiggywinkles Team