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Ravenfield Primary Academy

Welcome to Nursery



All about Mrs Johnson

My favourite subject is:

Reading and Music

I love reading stories to my class.

I enjoy singing songs and I love to dance too.

My favourite colour is:

Blue

It makes me think of the seaside.

My favourite animal is:

Cats are one of my favourite animals. I have 3: Judy, Eva and Tommy.

I would love a puppy, but I don't think my cats would be very happy!

I also love dolphins; I saw some in Scotland this year on my holiday.

My hobbies and interests:

I sing in a choir. We meet once a week to rehearse.

I enjoy keeping fit! I love to swim and do Zumba.

I love to go to the theatre to watch musicals; Matilda, The Lion King and Wicked are favourites of mine.



Interesting facts about me:

I used to be part of a Musical Theatre Group. I have performed at the Civic Theatre in Rotherham lots of times – The Wizard of Oz was one of my favourite shows.

I love to bake – chocolate brownies are my speciality!



Something I am looking forward to next year:

I am looking forward to meeting you all and getting to know you.

I am looking forward to doing lots of singing and counting with you.

I am looking forward to reading lots of lovely stories to you too.





Nursery expectations:

- Bring your book bag to school every day so we can put things inside to take home. Our library day is Wednesday.
- Read your book at least 3 times a week and record in your reading record to earn a house point
- Send your child with a waterproof suit and wellies (we access provision outside daily)
- Label all your child's belongings including all items of clothing, water bottles, lunch box and wellies too
- Send a spare set of clothes in your child's bag
- Send a bottle of water to school each day (no juices or squash please)

Overview of learning

Year Group:	Nursery	Class:	Robins	Teacher:	Mrs Johnson	
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Learning journey theme	Me and My Family	Nocturnal Animals Once upon a time	To the rescue!	Growth	Lifecycles	Holidays
Information about the topic	Learning about families, share photos.	Woodland creatures Nursery rhymes: Goldilocks and the three bears and Little Red Riding Hood	Firefighters, Police Doctors and Nurses, Vets, Dentist and Post Carriers	Beans/sunflowers	Down on the farm Splish, Splash, Splish	Beach, sea, boats, pirates
Overarching inquiry question	Who is in my family?	If you go down to the woods tonight, what do you think you'll find? Who do you trust?	Who helps us in our community?	How does your garden grow?	What is it like on a farm? Is life better over or under the pond?	Do you like to be beside the seaside?
Hook / celebration	Hook: Children to bring in photos of their family. Celebration: Stay and learn to play in the provision and see displays	Hook: Visit from some woodland animals – Birds of prey Celebration: Stay and learn to play in the provision and see displays	Hook: Visit from local community e.g. fire service Celebration: Dress up as what you want to be when you grow up.	Hook: Children to grow their own bean/sunflower Celebration: Art gallery	Hook: eggs hatching/tadpoles Celebration: visit to a farm/visit to Patteric Carr pond dipping	Hook: Set up a beach Celebration: Pirates dress up day, treasure hunt
Seasonal experience	Starting school	Christmas	Pancake day	Easter Mother's Day		Father's Day
Rhymes	Finger rhymes: Open, shut them,	Finger rhymes focused on	Action rhymes: Wind the bobbin	Action Rhymes: I'm a little teapot	Movement Rhymes: Here we	Movement Rhymes: Hokey
	twinkle, twinkle and two little dickie birds.	number: 5 speckled frogs, 5 little men and 5 little ducks.	up, wheels on the bus and poly poly.	and there's a tiny caterpillar.	go looby loo and 5 little monkeys.	Cokey and Farmer's in his den
Author of the term	David McKee	Nick Butterworth	Giles Andreae	Eric Carle	Craig Smith	Allan and Janet Ahlberg
Books /Extract for topic	The Colour Monster Red Rockets and Rainbow Jelly Peeps The Baby's Catalogue Let's Make Faces	Pumpkin Soup The Very Helpful Hedgehog The Leaf Thief Stick Man Goldilocks and the three bears Little Red Riding Hood	Fire, hospitals and post workers: Fireman Sam, Postman Pat, Non-Fiction Texts, The Jolly Postman, Postman Bear Police, vets, dentists: Emergency, Mog and the Vet, find a dentist book	Beans: Jasper's beanstalk The Crunching Munching Caterpillar Sunflowers: The Tiny Seed Katie's Sunflowers The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Farm: The Farmyard Hullabaloo Farmer Duck Pond: In the small, small pond The Pond Little Frog	Holidays: Busy holiday At the beach Pirates: The Pirates are coming All aboard the pirate ship
Stories to read by the end of FS1	Elmer Red Rockets and Rainbow Jelly Room on the Broom	The Very Helpful Hedgehog Little Red Riding Hood Stick Man	We're Going on a Bear Hunt Pumpkin Soup	The Very Hungry Caterpillar The Tiny Seed	Avocado Baby The Very Lazy Ladybird Dear Zoo	Arlo the Lion Who Couldn't Sleep Handa's Surprise

Autumn 1

Here you will find lots of information about the curriculum, how to help your child at home and any other notes. If you have any questions, please ask the class teacher. Our first learning journey is: **Me and my family: What makes me amazing?**

Homework Menu

- Decorate one of the 'little person' cut outs to represent you.
- Make a card for someone in your family to let them know how much you love them.
- Use pebbles to create some artwork to represent people in your family.
- Don't forget to share your library book with your family and record this in your reading record 3 times a week to earn a house point. You can also record other books you read at home too!



Learning Journey

- FS1 are learning about 'Me and my family' this half term. Our topic is called 'What makes me amazing?'. We will be focusing on their own life story and their family's history.
- The core texts we will be reading are Red Rockets and Rainbow Jelly, Peepo and the Baby's Catalogue.
- In Maths we will be making comparisons, exploring and building with shapes and objects, exploring pattern and hearing and saying number names.
- The children will be introduced to the painting sequence. We will then find out about the artist Piet Mondrian and create a piece of artwork using primary colours and squares and rectangles which Piet uses in his artwork. We will also create portraits inspired by the work of Picasso.



Reminders

- We visit the library every Wednesday
- Stay and learn day: Wednesday 22nd October

Autumn 2

Here you will find lots of information about the curriculum, how to help your child at home and any other notes. If you have any questions, please ask the class teacher. Our current learning journey is: **If you go down to the woods at night, what do you think you'll find?**

Homework Menu

- Go on a 'Woodland Walk' in your local area. What do you notice? What have you found? You could draw pictures or take photographs of what you see and collect some treasures along the way!
- Use objects that you find in the woods to create a picture or collage e.g. using conkers, leaves or pinecones.
- Don't forget to share your library book with your family and record this in your reading record to earn dojo points. You can also record other books you read at home too! Do you have a favourite book?

Reminders

- Our library day is Wednesday
- In week 1 we will hopefully have a bird visit where we will get to meet some birds of prey!

Learning Journey

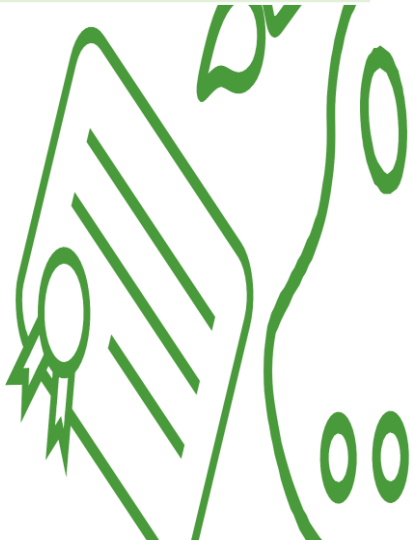
- Nursery are learning about Nocturnal Animals this half term.
- The core texts we will be reading are Pumpkin Soup, The Very Helpful Hedgehog, The Leaf Thief, Goldilocks and the three bears and little red riding hood.
- In Maths we will be beginning to order number names, subitising to 3, joining in with repeating patterns and exploring position and space.
- We will find out about the artist Eric Carle and create our own woodland animal masks using Carle's techniques.
- We will also be observing and talking about the changes





Visits and Exceptional Experiences

<u>Experiences</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Key information</u>
Stay and learn session	Autumn 1 WC: 20th October 2025	Parents invited into school to play in provision with your child.
Birds of prey visit	Autumn 2 TBC	Interactive encounters with beautiful birds of prey. Educational talks, fascinating flying demonstrations, handling and stroking of the birds too.
Visit from local community e.g. fire brigade	Spring 1 WC: 5 th January 2026	Visit from someone who helps us in our community: Police, firefighter, vet, doctor, nurse etc.
Art Gallery	Spring 2 TBC	The children will be growing their own plant. They will paint pictures that we will display in the classroom for parents to purchase.
Farm animals	Summer 1 TBC	During this term we will be hatching eggs. Farm animals to visit school for the children to meet/handle
Whole school picnic	Summer 2 TBC	Parents are invited into school to enjoy a picnic with their child.



Key Dates for your diary Autumn Term

Monday 1st September – INSET Day

Tuesday 2nd September – Nursery return to school

22nd October – Parent stay and play session (time to be confirmed)

Friday 24th October – INSET DAY

Monday 3rd November – children return to school

Tuesday 4th November – Phonics stay and learn (time to be confirmed)

Wednesday 10th December – EYFS Christmas performance (9:15)

Friday 12th December - Christmas carol service for grandparents (time to be confirmed)

Tuesday 16th December – EYFS Christmas party



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