

September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very excited to begin our new school year in Nursery. Across the Autumn Term, our learning will follow two key themes: "Special Me, Special Us" and "Shining Bright."

In the first half term, our theme will be *Special Me, Special Us*. We will be settling into new routines, getting to know each other, and celebrating what makes each of us unique. The children will explore stories such as *Owl Babies*, *Geoffrey Gets the Jitters* and *The Colour Monster*, which will help us think about who we are, our friendships, and the different feelings we all experience. Circle times and play will support the children to build confidence, learn how to share and take turns, and feel proud of themselves as part of the Blossoms Nursery community. We will also be marking special celebrations, including Diwali.

In the second half of the term, our theme will be *Shining Bright*. We will be exploring light and dark, the changing seasons from Autumn into Winter, and taking part in celebrations including Bonfire Night, Hanukkah and Christmas. Our books will include *Peace at Last*, *Elmer and the Rainbow*, *Can't You Sleep*, *Little Bear?* and *Stick Man*. These stories will help us to think about families, celebrations and the world around us, while also inspiring creative activities in art, music and role play.

Each week we will focus on a different key text, reading it daily to build familiarity and learning new vocabulary linked to the story. Alongside this, we will enjoy a nursery rhyme of the week and learn a new sign each week, which will support all children's communication skills. These words and signs will link to the themes, characters and settings in our stories.

The children will also have opportunities to explore all areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum through independent play, focused sessions and our key texts. For example, we will practise counting, sorting and recognising patterns in maths, explore changes in nature through forest school, and develop our fine motor skills with creative crafts and mark making.

We would love to include photos of your children and their families in our Nursery display. Please send any photos to Mrs Parkin via email or hand them to a member of the Nursery team.

Early reading is a priority in Nursery. We share stories every day at school, and we encourage you to share lots of stories at home too – both by reading to your child and by letting them explore the pictures and tell the story in their own way.

You can follow your child's learning journey on Tapestry, where we regularly upload observations and photographs. We also love seeing what the children get up to at home, so please do upload your own observations – the children enjoy sharing these with their friends at circle time.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support,
Mrs Parkin, Nursery Class Teacher



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