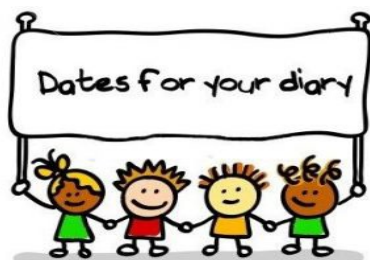


Nursery Newsletter

Autumn Term

September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,



September

Mon 15th – Nursery information meeting 8.45am in the Music room

Wed 24th - Individual school photographs

Fri 26th – MacMillan coffee morning

October

Mon 13th – Parents Evening 3.45-6.00pm

November

Fri 7th – Fireworks night hosted by RCPTA

Tues 11th @11am Remembrance service in Memorial Garden

Sat 29TH – Christmas Fair hosted by RCPTA

December

Thurs 4th – Little Court Nativity performances 9.30am & 2pm

Wed 10th - Little Court Christingle 2.30pm

Fri 12th Dec – End of term 12pm

Please check green card for further dates and details

Welcome

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our returning families back and to say a big 'Hello' to all our new families.

The Nursery team would like to thank all of you who were here last term for the lovely messages and gifts given to us; they were very much appreciated. We hope you have all enjoyed the holidays and had a fun and restful break.

The children have all begun to settle in and have been busy exploring the Nursery environment. It is wonderful getting to know them all.

This half term we shall be working hard to help your child settle, make new friends, follow new routines and continue their learning and development journey.

The children will:

- ◆ Become familiar with the Nursery environment and establish new friendships and relationships with staff.
- ◆ Develop an awareness of our Nursery Golden Rules, such as:
 - We use kind and gentle hands and feet.
 - We walk with our quiet feet.
 - We use our inside voices.
 - We share our toys.
 - We use our listening ears.
- ◆ Develop independence - self-registration, putting on aprons, accessing snack, washing hands.
- ◆ Become familiar with a variety of Nursery Rhymes and songs.
- ◆ Identify different emotions e.g. happy, sad, angry.

Thank you for all those who have already sent through your family photos. The children have really enjoyed looking at them and talking about members of the family. The pictures are a great conversation starter and helps settling children feel more secure by having images of those they love to look at during their Nursery day. If you are unable to print these, they can be emailed to michaelss@ripleycourt.co.uk and we will print them for you.

The Autumn term always proves to be a busy one. As well as settling in, learning routines etc, the children will be participating in a wide range of exciting 'hands on' activities and experiences. In Nursery we use a core 'book of the week' and choose inspiring books to 'hook' the children into their learning. The books are carefully chosen to ensure children are immersed in new vocabulary and the illustrations promote a sense of awe and wonder. The books inspire and feed into the children's interests. Activities and experiences are planned for, so play is purposeful and with a learning focus.

Please see the chart overleaf to see which books we will be covering this term.

We will also be covering Autumn, Harvest, Diwali, Bonfire night and Christmas.



We have a sound of the week at Nursery. Each **Tuesday** the children can bring in an item from home beginning with the sound (or ending in the sound in the case of X). Our Tuesday circle time will be based around the sound of the week and the children can show their item during circle time. This is an ideal way to share in their learning at home. We welcome any contributions, however nothing too precious please!

This term we are focusing on **Listening and attention** – joining in with rhymes and poems using actions and instruments. We will also be working on tuning into sounds through a range of listening activities. We will be going on a listening walk in the school grounds, tuning into different sounds in our environment such as cars, trains, wind blowing, and crunching leaves. At home you could talk about the sounds you hear when you are walking around the local area. What sounds can we hear when we are outdoors?



Each child has been set up with an online Learning Journey. This shows you 'snapshots' of their play and learning in the Nursery. It also allows you to upload photos of learning that your child has done at home or experiences you have shared together such as visits to Museums, parks, family etc. These are all valuable learning experiences.

The process is very simple, just upload a photo and write a very brief note to say what was happening. During the week we will then share the observations on the large screen to the group, and your child will be encouraged to talk about what they have been doing. The group will be encouraged to ask questions. The children are always so excited to share their pictures from home, and this activity is very popular!

Key Persons

We have loved getting to know all the children as they adapt into their new environment, settle into the routine and start to make new friends. Now that we have met all the children, we will allocate them a key person which you will receive notification of next week. We do this so the children can get used to all the adults during the first few days. Children naturally gravitate towards different staff members so we want to ensure they build good relationships with all the team as well as their key person.



A few reminders:

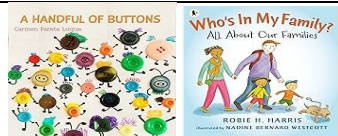
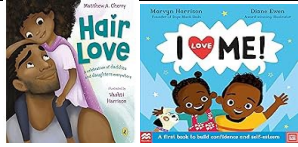
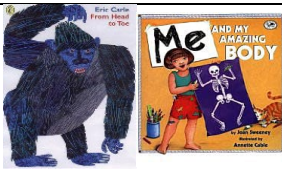
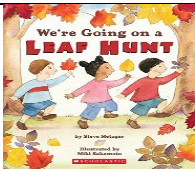
- Please label all your child's clothing and belongings. This will allow us to return clothes more easily if they get mislaid.
- It is also useful to keep a spare set of **named clothes** (including socks) on your child's peg in case they need to be changed. Please also ensure children have a named pair of black plimsols in school.
- Please ensure your child brings in a named water bottle and coat daily.

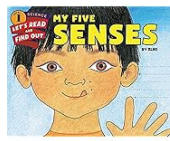
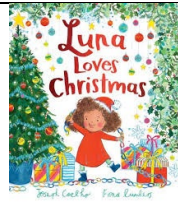
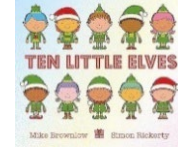
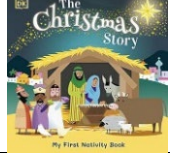


Ways you can help at home

- Please encourage your child to become more independent with dressing skills. Finding & putting on their own coats then hanging it up. Extending this to getting dressed will be a super life-long skill too. Velcro fastening shoes support your child to become independent as shoe laces and buckles are too difficult when you are 3 or 4 years old.
- Read to your son/daughter everyday – especially at bedtime.
- Sing lots of nursery rhymes together.
- Do lots of counting out loud 0 to 10. Walking up & down steps, giving things out, collecting things, numbers of claps.
- There are several good Early Years websites for parents offering advice and ideas these include -
 - www.beststartinlife.co.uk
 - www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people
 - www.corampacey.org.uk/starting-school/

We hope the grid below gives you a guide to the term ahead.

Autumn 1	Sound of week	Core story
Week 1	-	
Week 2	-	
Week 3	m	
Week 4	a	
Week 5	s	
Week 5	d	
Week 6	t	
Half term		

Autumn 2	Sound of week	Core story
Week 8	l	
Week 9	n	
Week 10	p	
Week 11	g	
Week 12	o	
Week 13	c/k	
End of Term		

We are all looking forward to a wonderful year in Nursery, and getting to know you and your child better. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to myself or any of the Nursery staff after the session or to email me via michaelss@ripleycourt.co.uk

Mrs Michaels & the Nursery Team