



Welcome to the start of your Bankside journey! We are all so excited to get to know your children as well as your families. Our aim for the year is to ensure that all children in Nursery build the skills and knowledge that is required for them to be a successful learner as they move through schools. We have planned a curriculum and classroom that will ensure the year is filled with warmth, joy and an excitement around learning. We are looking forward to working alongside you to make sure that your child experiences the Bankside Best!

**Important Dates:**

October 15<sup>th</sup> – Toilet Training Workshop  
@ 9am  
Other dates will be communicated via class dojo



**Things to remember:**

- Please bring the following items into Nursery every day:
- Water bottle
  - Spare clothes
  - Nappies and wipes (if necessary)
  - Waterproof coat
  - Hats and gloves (weather dependent)
  - Wellington boots (weather dependent)

**Please label all items.**

**Home Learning**

**Book Bingo!**

At the start of the half term, you will be given a checklist of different reading activities to complete at home with your child. Once you have completed the activities and uploaded a picture to dojo, you will get a special prize!

**Rhyme Time**

Each week we will upload our nursery rhyme of the week (with actions) for you to enjoy singing at home.



**Stories:**

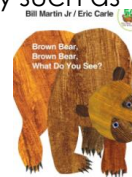
Stories are at the heart of our curriculum and we read many every day. However, this term we have selected some key stories to help us learn lots of new words, help us develop our listening skills and to learn some key phrases by heart.

**Autumn 1 - Brown Bear, Brown Bear what do you see?**

This lovely text allows for many different learning opportunities. The children will tune into the repetitive nature of the book, supporting their memory and language skills. It will also support them to learn lots of new colours and animals.

**Autumn 2 – Owl Babies**

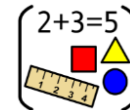
This key text will help us to learn new vocabulary such as 'swooping' and will encourage us to use different voices for different characters. It will also create lots of learning opportunities such as learning about Owls and other nocturnal animals.



**Maths**

Maths this half term will focus on:

- Colours
- Shapes
- Counting to 5
- Using mathematical language in play
- Recognising numerals of personal significance



**Communication and Language**



**Autumn 1**

- Sit in key worker group for a short period of time
- Ensure that children feel confident to share their wants and needs with adults in class.
- Use at least 20 of the first 100 words (this will be shared with you by your child's key worker)
- Follow routines of the day.
- Join in (actions/ some words) with familiar songs

**Autumn 2**

- Use recently introduced vocabulary,
- Create a sentence at least at two-word level.
- Begin to take part in a back and forth conversations

**Phonics**



**Autumn 1**

This half term our small group phonics sessions will focus on learning about good listening skills. We will focus our attention on the person who is talking and begin to respond to what is being asked.

**Autumn 2**

As we become expert listeners, we will move onto Phase 1 Phonics where we will listen to environmental sounds and instrumental sounds.



**PSHE:**

As we settle in Nursery, we spend this half term getting to know the key workers and the space in which we play and learn. We will follow our Nursery routine with confidence and become independent learners.

We also learn how to use the feelings 'happy' and 'sad' and will use the story 'The Colour Monster' to support us with this.



**People, Culture and Communities:**

This half term we will develop our sense of belonging in the Bankside community. We will also look at family photos and name people that are familiar to us.

In Autumn 2, once we are settled, we will begin our Local visit walks to the Library and to the park. These dates will be confirmed and parents are more than welcome to join!



**Expressive Arts and Design**

Our big create this half term will be focused on different colours! We will explore colour mixing through play and create a beautiful, colourful painting to be displayed in our classroom.

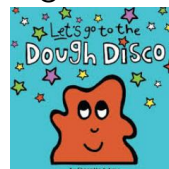
Our focus Nursery Rhymes:

- Twinkl Twinkl
- Wind the Bobbin Up
- If you're happy and you know it!



**Physical Development:**

This half term we will experiment with different ways of moving including running, jumping and rolling. Children will take part in movement sessions, however they also have access to different movement areas inside and outside. Children will navigate the bikes, tyre swings and big apparatus to support them to develop their strength. We will also begin Dough Disco and Scribble Disco to begin our journey towards writing.



**Understanding The World**

Autumn leaves are falling down! As the weather changes, we will spend time outside looking for signs of Autumn.



**Attendance Ladder**



**ClassDojo**

<https://www.classdojo.com/en-gb/?redirect=true>

