

Nursery Newsletter

Autumn Term



Nursery Team

Teachers

Mrs Dalton (Thursday & Friday)
Mrs Wilmshurst (Alternate Mondays, Tuesday
and Wednesday)
Mrs Kubikova (Everyday)
Ms Locke (Monday)

Welcome!

We hope you have had an amazing summer. Once again thank
you for an amazing start!
We would like to welcome the families of our new starters to our
lovely school community. Thank you for being so supportive in
the first few weeks.

Continuous Provision

As always, we continue to improve our
learning provision.
We would appreciate donations of toys such as
dinosaurs, toy food or cars that you no longer
use at home. We would also appreciate
donations of books in good condition.

Communications with Parents

As parents, you are the first
educators of your child and at this
school we recognise that the partner-
ship between school and home is fun-
damental to a child's success. Please
always email us if you have concerns
or questions

enquiries@stwilfridssheffield.co.uk

Key Times

**Drop Offs—Between 8.45 am
and 9am**

Afternoon Session—12.15pm

Pick Ups

Morning Session—12pm

End of Day—3pm—3.15pm

Our Day

8.55am—Choosing Time/Morning Jobs

9.10am—Welcome Song/Days of the Week/ Months of the Year / Discussing Weather/ Rhyme of the Week

9.20am— Choosing and Group Work

10.10am—Snack and Story

10.25am—Scribble as You Wiggle

11.30am—Lunch and Outdoor Play

1.15pm—Afternoon Session—Consists of choosing indoors and outdoors, maths moment, circle time and R.E.

Just to note, when we say 'choosing' we are referring to times when the children are involved in child initiated play, this means that
they can play with toys and resources of their choice and decide which area they would like to play in. Whilst this is
happening teachers and teaching assistants are interacting with the children, joining in with their play, asking questions and
challenging their thinking and language. Adults may also lead a small group activity during this time, for example, a maths activity.

We always end the day with stories and singing!

Class Dojo

Please follow our wonderful class dojo page to see what the children have been up to in Nursery. If you would like
photos of your child to appear on class dojo and you have not yet given permission, please email

enquiries@stwilfridssheffield.co.uk

If you have any questions regarding dojo, please ask a member of the nursery team.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

How does it feel starting something new?

Settling in circle games

Working and playing together

Sharing toys

Listening and taking turns

Learning new routines and how we look after our environment

We will also read a range of books related to personal, social and emotional development

Understanding feelings and emotions

Being able to follow simple instructions

Discussing the best ways to regulate our emotions

Communication and Language

We will support children's communication and language development through our **Super 6 books and rhymes**, giving children lots of opportunities to listen, join in, repeat phrases, learn new words and talk about what they can see and hear. Alongside this, we will introduce and use **topic vocabulary linked to our 'Marvellous Me' topic**, helping children to talk about themselves, their families, bodies, feelings and things that make them special. We will also develop children's communication and language throughout their play, using all the different areas of our nursery, such as **construction, small world, role play, sand, water, creative and outdoor play**. Adults will join in, model language, introduce new vocabulary and encourage children to talk, share ideas and develop their confidence.

Autumn 1 Marvellous Me!

Religious Education

Learning Daily Prayers

Learning about the creation story and God's love for us and our family.

Literacy

Children develop their early literacy skills through lots of **stories, rhymes, songs, conversations and play**. We encourage children to enjoy books, listen to and talk about stories, join in with repeated phrases and rhymes and begin to recognise familiar sounds and words.

Children will be provided with lots of opportunities to develop their **mark making and early writing skills** through activities such as drawing, painting, play dough, messy play and using different writing materials. We encourage children to talk about their pictures and marks and begin to give them meaning. Most importantly we want children to develop **a love of books, stories, rhymes and writing** and feel confident to have a go!

Mathematical Development

In Maths, children will develop their understanding of **numbers, counting, shapes, size and patterns** through everyday play and practical activities. We will encourage children to count objects, recognise small amounts, compare quantities, explore shapes and begin to notice patterns. Maths will be part of our everyday routines, stories, songs and play, helping children to build confidence and enjoy discovering Maths all around them.

Super 6 Books

The Three Little Pigs

Owl Babies

Fox's Favourite Autumn

Find Your Happy

We're Going To Find A Monster

5 Little Pumpkins

Super 6 Songs

If You're Happy and You Know It

The Finger Family

One Finger, One Thumb, Keep Moving

Five Little Pumpkins

Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

Three Blind Mice

Physical Development

We will begin the Squiggle As You Wiggle programme, this is a gross and fine motor programme designed to develop the muscles children need for writing.

Children will also have daily access to our scooters and a range of outdoor equipment, giving them lots of opportunities to develop their physical skills through balancing, running, jumping, climbing and digging, as well as having fun and being creative outdoors.

Understanding the World

We will enjoy talking about our marvelous selves, our families, friends and pets.

We will also be learning all about keeping healthy and our bodies throughout the term.

We will enjoy exploring our nursery and school environment – the school woods and playground.

We will look for changes in the weather and discuss seasonal change into Autumn, observing the changes in the outdoor environment.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be doing hand and finger printing.

We will be painting ourselves and drawing ourselves.

We will be exploring our creative area using different media e.g junk modelling and painting.

Role Play - Home Corner – children can role play family and home life helping them feel close to home.

We will be learning our songs and rhymes, listening to music and creating sounds and singing songs inside and outside. We will have access to musical instruments outside and inside.

We will specifically learn our super six songs.

Small world play - dinosaurs, animals, fairy garden.

There will be lots of opportunities for cutting and sticking, play dough and dough disco.

Outdoor Performance area with musical instruments.

We will construct model homes using a range of junk materials, duplo and wooden construction.

We will also make a range of Harvest and Autumn crafts.

Ways You Can Help Your Child At Home

There are lots of simple ways you can support your child's learning at home, **sharing stories and singing rhymes together is so important when developing our childrens language**. We can talk about our day, we always put our story vocabulary on the dojo, so it would be great if you can reinforce these at home. You can also encourage your child to **count everyday objects**, spot numbers and shapes, sort things and look for patterns. To help prepare your child for writing, please encourage plenty of fine motor activities at home. Examples include drawing, colouring, painting, using playdough, cutting with scissors, threading beads, building with construction toys, completing puzzles, using tweezers, and practising buttons and zips. These activities help strengthen the small muscles in the hands and fingers needed for pencil control and handwriting.

Everyday activities such as cooking, getting dressed, shopping and tidying up are all wonderful opportunities for learning!