

HEVINGHAM UNDER 5's NEWSLETTER



**Confident and Healthy Individuals
Successful Learners
Responsible Citizens
30th September 2022**

Welcome back!

We have loved welcoming all of the children back in nursery and they all have settled back in brilliantly. We have been doing many different activities over the last few weeks; the children have painted a self-portrait, discussed their families and drawn pictures, discussed our emotions, started phonics and have visited the big school library and played on the field/playground. The children have also helped Jade settle in and feel very welcomed.

Self-Portraits

We have been talking about what we look like, what different facial features we have and if we look similar or different to each other. While doing this we looked at ourselves in a mirror and identified our features, we then selected the correct coloured paints and began painting a portrait. We all did brilliantly at this and they are on display in the cloakroom for everyone to see.



Our Families

Thank you to those who have sent in their family pictures to Under 5's, we have been sharing these with the children and have been discussing who we can see in the images and why they are important to us. We have been talking about who is in our family, how many people are in it and any similarities and

differences we have noticed. For example, do you have a brother or sister? Or both?

The children have been using their pencil skill and have been drawing a picture of their family

adding descriptions of what each mark represents.



Visiting the school grounds

We have been exploring the school grounds over the last few weeks, we have visited the school library and shared some stories (we are going to be going every other week), and we have been playing out on the field and playground. We have been very lucky and have been able to play with our siblings/the-older children; this was special and so much fun!



Supersonic Phonics Friends

The children started doing phonics daily at the beginning of term and they have taken it on brilliantly. The aim of phonics for the children while in nursery is to develop their listening skill, understand rhythm and rhyme, alliteration and to begin oral blending and segmenting. These are all of the skills they need before they can move onto looking at the shapes of letters and begin learning the phonetic sounds. The children spend 5 - 10 minutes a day completing little activities, they've shown lots

of interest in one activity called 'Listening Len has a Box'. These activities will be uploaded onto tapestry for you to access at home.

We held our first Phonic Café and we would like to say thank you to those who joined us for this. We will be holding more of these over the school year.



Pantosaurus

There is never a wrong time to teach the children about how to keep themselves safe, at nursery we have been watching the NSPCC Pantosaurus video and learning about how to keep ourselves safe.

We have spoken about the PANTS rules, which are:

- P - privates are private
- A - always remember your body belongs to you
- N - no means NO
- T - talk about secrets that upset you
- S - speak up, someone can help

You can find more information and the Pantosaurus video here: [Talk PANTS & Join Pantosaurus - The Underwear Rule | NSPCC](#)



Changing Weather

As the weather is changing, the clothing the children will need for the garden will be changing too. We **all need** to have a pair of wellies and a puddle suit (or waterproofs) for the garden. These can be kept at nursery or they can be sent home after each session if required.

Please remember to send your child with a coat and appropriate clothing as the weather begins getting colder.

Reminders

- Please can the gate be shut behind when entering and leaving the nursery garden.
- We encourage a healthy meal at lunch, please could the children have an item of fruit or veg in their lunch.

Key Dates

- Last day of term - Friday 21st Oct**
- Return to school - Monday 31st Oct**
- Halloween Stay & Play - Monday 31st Oct**
- Halloween Stay & Play - Thursday 3rd Nov**