



"Learning together,  
learning for life"

## AUTUMN 1 TERM 2025

### KEY DATES:

11.09.25

8.45am-3.25pm

Year R start school

15.09.25 2.30pm

& 6.00pm

Year R Parent

Autumn Workshop

23.09.25

Little City

10.10.25

Flu Spray

22.10.25 &

23.10.25

Parents Evening

24.10.25

Stay and Play

2.30pm -3.25pm

24.10.25

EYFS and KS1

Harvest Assembly

Food Donations

27.10.25-03.11.25

HALF-TERM

# Year R Newsletter - Autumn 1 2025



We are so pleased to welcome you all to The Crescent Primary School. We will be looking at the theme 'All About Me, what will I be?' this half term to help us find out more about each child.

<p><b>Communication &amp; Language</b></p> <p>This half term the children will have opportunities to develop their speaking and listening skills through songs, stories and rhymes. We will be focusing on learning the rhymes- 'One Finger One Thumb', 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes', 'Tommy Thumb' and 'Miss Polly had a Dolly'. The children will be speaking in larger groups and developing their questioning skills through the 'All About Me Bag' which will go home with 1 child each day to come back the next day.</p> <p><b>FOCUS: I can join in with rhymes.</b></p>	<p><b>Physical Development</b></p> <p>The children will be digging, climbing and using large movements to develop muscles for writing. They will be using pegs and clips to strengthen pincer grip and using scissors to practise cutting. In PE they will be following instructions in a large space and practising different skills through games.</p> <p><b>FOCUS: I can climb on the adventure playground.</b></p>	<p><b>Personal, Social and Emotional</b></p> <p>We will be teaching the children school routines and behaviour expectations (Ready, Respectful, Safe). We will be encouraging them to develop new friendships.</p> <p>In our role-play areas the children will have opportunities to explore and take on familiar roles from within the home. For our 'No Outsiders' text we will be looking at 'You Choose' by Nick Sharratt and discussing what we like and how we can be friends even if we have different likes and dislikes.</p> <p><b>FOCUS: I can follow class routines.</b></p>
<p><b>English</b></p> <p>This half term we will be reading 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' by Judith Kerr as a whole class. The children will be learning how to handle books carefully and through phonics will learn to read simple books. They will be given opportunities to develop their early writing skills through mark making and will be writing shopping lists, letters and cards to friends within the class.</p> <p><b>FOCUS: I can read CVC words e.g. cat.</b></p>	<p><b>Maths</b></p> <p>This half term the children will be counting out loud to 5 and beyond. They will be counting objects accurately and representing numbers using their fingers. They will be recognising numbers 1-4 and matching them to the correct number of objects. We use 'Numberblocks' to engage the children in early maths. They will name and describe 2D (flat) shapes and use them to create pictures.</p> <p><b>FOCUS: I can subitise to 5 and compare numbers.</b></p>	
<p><b>Expressive Arts and Design</b></p> <p>This half term the children will be using a range of different mediums (paint, collage, play dough, printing, cutting and sticking and drawing) to create pictures of themselves and their family. In music lessons the children will be exploring musical sounds through the story of Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins. They will begin to identify short and long sounds, as well as exploring the range of sounds made by untuned percussion instruments</p> <p><b>FOCUS: I can attach materials together.</b></p>	<p><b>Knowledge &amp; Understanding of the World</b></p> <p>This half term the children will be learning all about themselves and their bodies. They will be naming parts of the body and discussing what different parts are used for. We will be discussing how we have grown and changed since we were babies. We will also be thinking about what we want to be when we grow up.</p> <p><b>FOCUS: I can name parts of the body and how I am same/different to friends.</b></p> <p>RE. Harvest</p>	

### Home Learning Ideas

If you complete these activities please share it with the class through Tapestry.

<p><b>Joint challenge</b></p> <p>Look at baby photos together and talk with your child about how they have changed.</p>	<p><b>Parent's challenge</b></p> <p>Visit the local library with your child to borrow story and non-fiction books about families, our bodies, skeletons, our senses etc.</p>	<p><b>Child's challenge</b></p> <p>Complete a 2D shape challenge. See how many shapes you can find in your house. Then draw what you have found.</p>
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Miss Davis

Mrs Ruos

Mrs Joy

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