

Our theme for this half term is 'It's Good to be Me' and 'Family'. Here are some of the things we will be learning about at nursery. Please carry out some of these activities at home to support your child's learning. We would love to see photographs and videos of anything you have done at home. Thank you, Miss Murphy.

We will be looking at the changes in the weather, the clothes we need to wear, and the signs of Autumn all around us. Go on an Autumn walk with your child and look out for things like colourful leaves, conkers, acorns, and changes in the weather. Try and spot some **Autumn wildlife** too, such as squirrels, birds, or insects getting ready for the colder months. Take some photos and upload them to **Tapestry**, and please bring in any Autumn treasures you find for our sensory tray in nursery (conkers, leaves, acorns, pinecones).



Maths:

This half term, we are exploring early maths skills through **colours, sorting, matching**, and **simple 2D shapes** like circles, squares, triangles, and rectangles.

Here are some fun activities to try at home:

Colour Hunt and Sort

- Can your child find 3 red things? 2 yellow things?
- Once collected, sort the objects by **colour** or **size**.

Matching Game

- Match pairs of socks, shoes, or lids to containers
- Use coloured buttons, toys, or LEGO pieces to match by **shape** or **colour**

Shape Hunt

- Go on a **2D shape hunt** at home! Can you spot a **circle** (a plate), a **square** (a cushion), a **triangle** (a slice of toast), or a **rectangle** (a book)?
- Talk about the shapes: How many sides? Are they straight or curved?

Please upload any photos of your maths fun to **Tapestry** – we'd love to see your sorting, matching and shape-hunting in action!

It's Good to be Me!



All about me and my family:

This week we are learning all about **ourselves and our families**. We will be talking about what makes us special, who is in our family, and what we like to do together. At home talk with your child about your family. Who lives in your house? What do they like to do? How old is your child? What do they enjoy? When is their birthday? Upload different family photographs to **Tapestry** so we can make a collective family book for our reading area.

Draw a picture of your family at home and upload to Tapestry!

Feelings:

This half term, we are learning all about **feelings** and how to recognise and talk about them. In nursery, we will be reading the story '**The Colour Monster**', which helps us understand different emotions like happiness, sadness, anger, fear, and calm. At home, talk with your child about how they are feeling. Look in a mirror together and try making different emotion faces - can they show a happy face, a sad face, or an angry face? Upload pictures to **Tapestry** and pull different faces to show emotions.

Ask questions like, "how do you feel today?", "What makes you happy or sad?", "What can we do when we feel cross or worried?". You could also draw or paint your own **Colour Monster**, or create a "feelings face" using a paper plate.



Our theme is based around these stories:



- Goat Goes to Playgroup
- Who are you?
- The Colour Monster

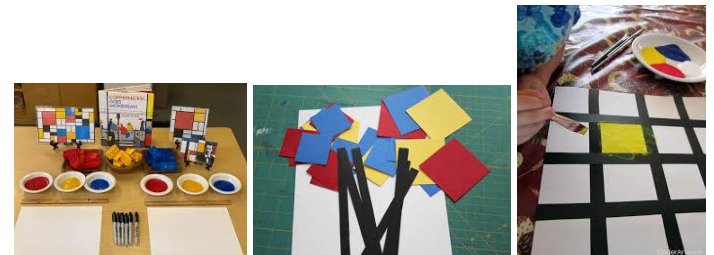
We will be listening to and retelling these stories in lots of different ways. Can you retell one of these stories at home? You could even make your own props to act out the story. We would love to see videos of this uploaded to Tapestry. We will also read lots of books and poems about different families, all about me, birthdays and feelings.

Artist – Modrian Primary Colours

We will learn about the artist 'Piet Mondrian' who used red, yellow and blue and straight lines in his art work. In nursery we will create our own Mondrian masterpieces focusing on primary colours!



Go on a colour hunt around your home or local outdoor area. What colours can you find? What shapes can you see? Take pictures of or collect different coloured items and add photographs to tapestry. Can you create your own Mondrian art work? What happens when you mix the different colours together?



Key Vocabulary: Family, house, brother, sister, school, teacher, friends, uncle, aunty, grandma, grandad, nanna, nursery, good listening, good looking, good sitting, good talking, rules, nursery, home, playgroup, colour, red, purple, green, orange, blue, black, white, pink, yellow, happy, angry, sad, scared, story, book, Mondrian, artist, paint, square, feeling