Collis Nursery Curriculum Journey Autumn 2 2026

Termly Theme: Special Times



Key areas of learning this half term:

- **Continuing to learn a wide range of vocabulary to improve our language skills**
- **Listening to others one to one or in a small group**
- **Becoming more independent with our physical skills e.g. coats**
- **Increasingly following our rules and understanding why they are important**
- **Talking about Special things about us, our homes and our families**
- **Exploring shapes and their properties, and revisiting numbers to 3**
- **Rhyming words in books and songs**
- **Learning new Christmas songs and rhymes, and being more confident to perform them**

Personal Social and Emotional Development

We will be continuing to follow our Nursery rules and learn how to take care of things in our environment. We will continue to become more independent with our own needs eg toileting and putting our own coats in. We will be talking about what we are good at, where we live, and what our family is like.

At home you could – Encourage your child to tidy up their toys when they are finished. Have a small house plant they are responsible for watering, or have a special job in the family. Encourage your child to put their coat on and off by themselves

Communication and Language

We will enjoy talking about ourselves and why we are special. In our Book Group, we will begin to listen to each other in one to one and small groups, waiting for our turn to talk. We will enjoy talking about and listening to lots of stories and songs in the run up to Christmas! We will learn our 'Inside Out' story of the half term.

At home you could – continue sharing lots of stories and encourage your child to say which one is their favourite and why.

Physical

We will begin to learn to hang our coat up on our peg and to put it on by ourselves. We will strengthen our fingers and hands with playdough and other gross and fine motor activities. We will focus on scissor skills and cutting more accurately. We will learn to climb over apparatus

At home you could – Give your child lots of opportunities to cut with small scissors. Let your child practise putting their coat on by themselves using our 'flip' method

Literacy and Phonics

We will continue to learn to listen effectively, with a focus on hearing and creating rhymes. We will be listening carefully in Book Group and learning new words. We will be learning the words of lots of new songs.

At home you could – Continue to read stories all the time. Listen to different music together and notice the instruments

Maths

We will be introducing 2 dimensional and 3 dimensional shapes, noticing them in the environment and making constructions from them. We will introduce language such as sides/corners/round/flat and basic shape names shapes circle square triangle

At home you could – Do some junk modelling with your child, noticing the shapes of each box

Understanding The World

We will be learning about animals that live in cold places, and people who help us such as Doctors, Firefighters and Dentists. We will use our home corner to turn it into a doctor's surgery. We will notice the weather changing as winter approaches! We will talk about how people celebrate Christmas

At home you could- notice the changes in the weather and the trees as you are out and about.

Expressive arts and design

We will learn new songs ready for our Christmas Show. We will be doing creative junk modelling and choosing the best method for attaching boxes together. We will continue to learn to use scissors effectively

At home you could- Help your child to learn the Christmas songs we will be sending home. Have fun creating models from recycling!