

Nursery Newsletter

Autumn 2
2025

Raleigh Infant and
Admirals Academies

Welcome



Dear Families,

We hope you had a great half term break. Welcome back to another busy half term of learning.

We look forward to hearing about your time at home and would like to see this on Tapestry. Please feel free to share any fun trips, home learning or new skills such as:

- ◆ Riding a bike
- ◆ New places
- ◆ New toys
- ◆ Visiting family



Nursery Team

Important Dates



- 11/12/25—Nursery performance—11.00 am
- 15/12/25—Christmas Jumper Day
- 19/12/25—Christmas Party Day
- 19/12/25—Last day of term

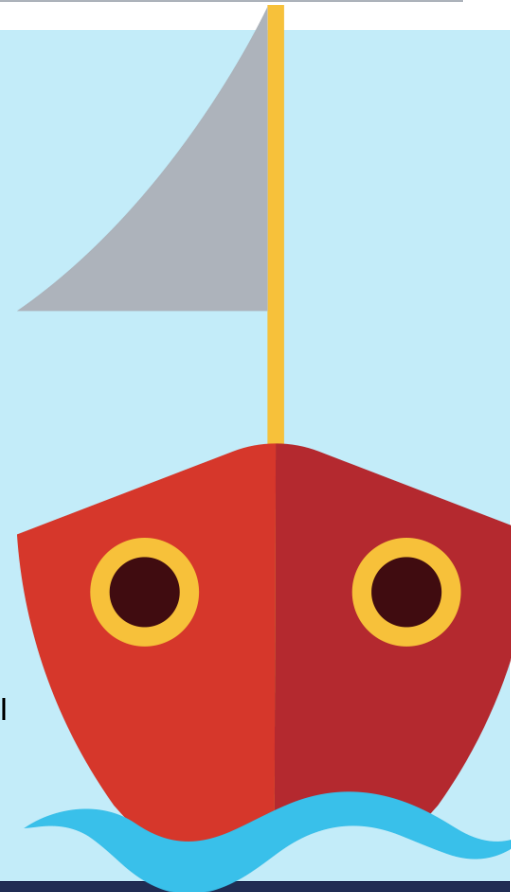
Wider Curriculum

Our topic this half term is 'Journeys' We will recall previous knowledge of maps to support our understanding of visiting different places when going on a journey. We will find out about different modes of transport and identify which ones we would use in specific areas, for example a boat in the water. We will focus on explorers, such as Ernest Shackleton and think about what we would need as an explorer.

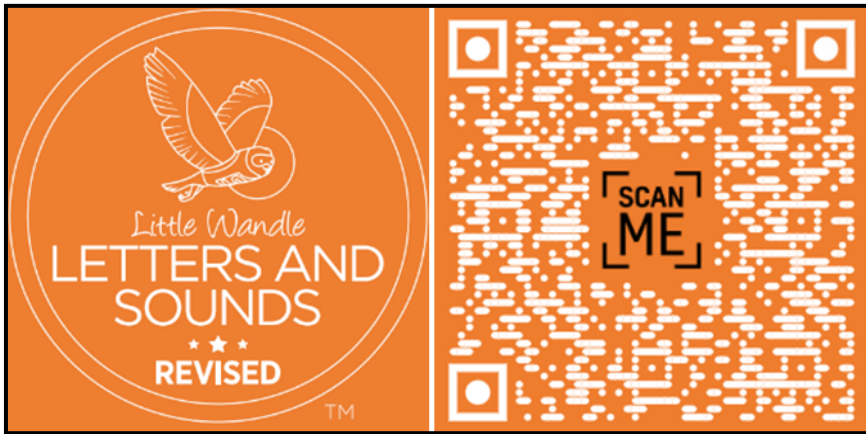


In **Art** we will be creating paintings using shapes and lines to represent a ship from the artist William Turner.

In **RE** we will begin to learn about the celebration of Christmas, such as special gifts and how different people celebrate, leading into our nursery singing performance.



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Phonics

We will be continuing to embed our knowledge of our early **Phonics**, recalling oral blending and developing listening skills. We will also be starting to learn sounds (phonemes), starting with s, a, t, p, and i. We will play various games to help embed these new sounds, a favourite is 'what's in the box' where we identify the initial sound of various objects, such a 's' for snake. The code above is for a link to the **Little Wandle** Parents Area. Regular practice will support your child with the previous and current sounds learnt, this is good preparation for children heading into reception.

Our Key Focus

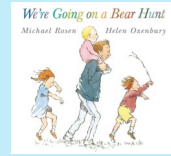
Attendance is important to ensure children have the opportunity to learn! This means children follow the sequence of learning without any being missed. Nursery is a good opportunity for children to learn new skills and prepare them for Reception.



How could you help at home?

- Attending all sessions as much as possible
- Contacting the office for any absences
- Sharing learning from home and encouraging children to talk about their learning at school; creating excitement and engagement.

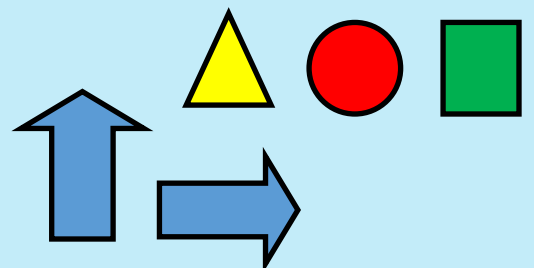
Literacy



In **Literacy**, we use 'Drawing Club' to develop children's fine motor skills and creative thinking, alongside their writing. Our key texts this half term will be '**We're Going on a Bear Hunt**', '**Little Red Hen**', '**Lost and Found**', and '**Dear Santa**'. Children will be encouraged to retell stories and make marks/ pictures to represent these stories as well and use their imaginations to create their own. You can help by sharing stories at home, this can be with any book or a school library book to develop the love of reading.

Mathematics

In **Maths** this half term we are focusing on numbers up to 5 using a variety of resources, such as five frames, objects, fingers, and Numicon. We will be developing our subitising skills using the phrase 'You don't need to count you just know the amount.' Next, we will continue to embed counting accurately to 5, and revisit 2D shapes. Finally, we will be introducing positional language, recalling familiar routes on a journey.



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