'Spotlight On Learning'

5th — 23rd October 2026



Over the next few weeks, children at Crosfield will be…

- **Settling in to their environment**

Children will learn and join in with Nursery conventions and routines, such as greeting others by name, putting on an apron when playing with water/painting, tidying up, joining story time groups, washing hands and cutting fruit to share with friends).

You can help by making helping to reinforce routines which you have at home, highlighting where these might be the same as at nursery. Do ask staff if you want to understand more about how they are introduced and reinforced at nursery.

- **Share books, listen to and join in with songs, rhymes and interactive stories**

Children will sing a range of Core Nursery Rhymes, including number songs, such as, '1,2,3,4,5...Once I caught a fish alive'. We will be sharing stories with repeating refrains and patterns, answering questions in, 'Call and response songs', such as, 'What's your name?'

You can help by sharing books with your child, singing songs and rhymes…. Come and share your favourite songs with us.

- **Finding out what makes them unique and developing respect for different cultures and identities**

Children will engage in role-play associated with home life and talk about their family. They will participate in activities, songs, stories and rhymes linked to Black History in celebration of different cultures.

You can help by talking about who is in your family and what makes them special.

Resources we need in the nursery…

- Modelling resources (e.g. cardboard boxes and tubes)
- Unwanted toy figures (particularly dolls, Disney characters and hero action figures)
- Rolls of unwanted wallpaper to support writing and mark-making and any old and used greeting cards

Useful ideas to help you at home:

- Practise some counting each day through songs and rhymes (ask a key worker for the list of songs we learn at nursery)
- Read '**Brown bear, Brown bear'** and 'So Much' on YouTube, as we will be focusing on these Core books at nursery

Upcoming dates for your calendar

Parent/Carer Meetings
are happening over the next couple of weeks. This is a time to talk about your child's learning at Crosfield.
Please arrange a time to come and talk with your child's key worker if you haven't already

October half term break is:
Monday 26th October until Sunday 1st November

School starts back on: Monday 2nd November 2026

Healthy snack at Nursery

Each session we prepare fruit/salad vegetables with the children.

Please can you bring in a piece of fruit or a packet of fruit for us to share together.