



Nursery Newsletter Summer Term 2018

Welcome back after the Easter break, we hope you all had lots of fun with your families. Also a big welcome to our new children and their families who are starting with us in the afternoons this Summer Term.

We shall be supporting all children in continuing their learning journey, and as before, will be planning a variety of activities that are informed by observations of the children. These help us to identify their current interests, levels of knowledge and understanding and areas to focus upon to develop these further. By allowing the children's interests and motivations to guide us we can really engage them in their learning, ensuring happy learners.

The children are taught through both what we call 'child initiated activities' where they choose which activities and resources they play with, and also 'adult led activities' which are either whole class or smaller group sessions with a focus developed from the seven areas of learning. Our medium term plans are available for you to look at in our cloakroom if you wish.

Our aim is to support your children to become independent learners and you are also important in this process. There are many ways that you can support your child with this such as encouraging them to change their own shoes when they arrive for their session, reminding them to follow the routines of our Nursery such as placing their picture in our registration butterflies or supporting them to complete the diary task by encouraging them to draw a picture of even have a go at writing (this doesn't mean we expect correctly formed and recognisable letters, all attempts at early writing skills are great for your child's understanding that marks carry meaning).

This first half term we shall be focusing upon numeral recognition in our maths development. You can help your child to develop their knowledge of this by encouraging them to find numbers in the environment such as on car number plates or house numbers on your walk to or from Nursery. Encourage them to find any numbers you have in your house such as upon clocks, telephones or in books. If your child is confident up to 10, challenge them to find the biggest numeral they recognise.

We aim to develop a love for books and stories in all our children in the Nursery. Reading stories with children is valuable in so many ways. It introduces them to new vocabulary, develops their imagination for future writing and play with their friends, encourages them to stay still and focused, develops their language skills and makes them aware of story structures. We also value Non-fiction books and use these to develop the children's knowledge of the world around them. Our story sack library is a great opportunity for you to share and enjoy books with your child. This term it shall be open at the beginning of each morning session and at the end of each afternoon session to allow you to access it more frequently. Please can we ask you to encourage a respect for the contents of these story sacks so that your child understands how to treat them so none get damaged. If you want to borrow a story sack please sign it out in the blue folder and once you have finished with it return it with all contents to a member of staff.

We always love to hear about what your child is doing outside of the Nursery and your child's diary is a great place to share this with us. If your child has achieved a new skill then let us know in their diary, or if they go somewhere special or are involved in a special event, why not encourage them to draw a picture of this or print a photograph to stick in your diary. We share the children's diary entries during group times, and the children are always keen to show and tell their friends what they have been up to.

A few reminders;

Our outdoor learning sessions are on a Monday morning and Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure that your child still has welly boots with their names in to wear on these occasions as it can still get muddy.

As the weather is starting to get warmer your child will need to have a named sunhat at Nursery at all times and suncream applied before they attend their session. As we will have more water play available we also ask you to provide a whole set of spare clothes in their bag upon their peg.

If you have any questions or queries please ask a member of staff.