

Nursery Class Newsletter Summer 1 Term 2017

Welcome to Nursery!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great start to the new term. The children returned fully energised and all seem to have grown and matured in two weeks! They have welcomed our new children who are beginning to settle into the routines of the Nursery day.



Kind regards,

Steph Williams, Ruth Kevin, Anil Singh (The Nursery Team)

Some Dates for your Diary

Nursery Class Café

Thursday 11th May

Last day of this half term

Friday 26th May – 3.15pm



Summer 1 Term



The children have been enjoying the fine weather and are ensuring that the plants are kept well watered!



They are showing a keen interest in the world around them and have taken care of a rather large snail, finding it food and water. We hope they will extend this level of care when we meet our new guinea pig in the coming weeks!



The children are now confident with using a hammer and nails at the wood work bench and this term we will learn how to safely use a junior hacksaw.



Communication and Language (CL)

This term we will be listening to sounds in our environment, identifying them and describing them. We will then be learning to clap the syllables in words. You can support your child's learning by practising these at home, eg. ha-p-py, good-mor-ning, ta-ble.



Our role play areas for this term are a home corner, baby clinic and construction zone where children will have the opportunity to share what they have learnt about themselves and book characters.

Physical Development (PD)



This term we will be making the most of our wonderful space to play on the bikes, explore our environment and build great things in the construction zone. To develop the muscles in our hands we will be kneading play dough, rolling and squeezing play foam and experimenting with clay.

Putting our coats on and changing clothes in our dressing up area can be a challenge so we will be practising our skills every day.

You can support your child's learning by encouraging them to get dressed independently every morning. It takes time but it is worth it!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)

This term we will be learning to engage in activities in our Nursery without adult's help. It will be fun to make friends using 'kind' hands and feet, and talking with our 'kind' mouth.

It is exciting to be learning about our feelings this term. What makes us sad? What makes us happy? What do we do to express these feelings?

We will be also developing our resilience so that, when something goes wrong or others are doing something we do not like, we know what to do and who to go to for help.

Literacy (L)

This term we will be reading new stories and practising repeating key phrases. We will learn to sequence stories and understand about the structure of stories.

In our writing area we will be drawing our favourite characters from stories and 'writing' what happens to them. The marks children make will, as they grow older, develop into letters. You can help your child with this at home by supporting them to write where they can, perhaps shopping lists for you.



Mathematics (M)

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We will be counting and comparing small groups of objects, reciting numbers to 10 and above and singing number songs.



We will be recognising digits and looking for numbers in the environment.

We will make different patterns with beads, shapes and paint to prepare us for investigating patterns in numbers.

We will use shapes in our play and weigh and measure different items.

Expressive Arts and Design (EAD)

We will continue to explore a range of mediums from paint to oil pastels and will try using charcoal too!

It will be fun to play with new materials. We will be experimenting with clay, play dough, gloop and a variety of other substances.

We have been enjoying listening to a wide range of music from jazz to classical, especially Pachelbel's Canon. Bryn's Mummy is came to visit to play her cello.



Understanding of the World (UW)

This half term we will help care for the plants in our garden and take advantage of the mild weather to explore and observe the natural world.

We will also be cooking new and exciting food every week. If you can cook something special and would like to make it with us, then please let a member of staff know!



A few Reminders...

Please **phone** or send in a note if you have arranged for **someone different** to collect your child from school. Children will not be handed over to people whom we have not been informed about.

Please make sure your child has a waterproof coat with a hood in school each day. Please label your child's clothes with a permanent marker or label. It is very difficult for children (and adults) to identify clothing if it is not named!

In Our Classroom...

Early Years Library: Please support your child to develop an interest in books by reading the books borrowed from school with them at home. You can borrow books from our library while collecting your child.

Cooking: Each week we will be cooking different things. We are asking for a donation of **£3.50** per half term so that ingredients may be purchased.



It is not necessary for children to bring their own snacks as fruit is provided at snack time.



Useful websites

These websites can support your child's learning:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/fun/>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites>
<http://www.compare4kids.co.uk/learn.php>
<https://www.purplemash.com/#/home>
<http://www.primarygames.co.uk/>
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