

Nursery Newsletter : Autumn 2 2020

Hello everyone and welcome back after our first half term holiday! We hope you all had lots of fun with your families. We understand that this is a time of uncertainty but we will do our utmost to keep you and your little one safe and happy.

Our focus this half term will be to continue to ensure that your child is well settled in school and that they are enjoying their time in Nursery. Please make a phone call to a member of the team if you want to discuss how your child is settling in. We would just like to thank you for all the support you have given over the first half term and we're excited to continue working with you.

During this half term we will continue to enhance children's experiences through sharing ideas and conversations. We will teach them that playing and working together can help them get on better, build good relationships and develop thinking. Our topic this term is *Why Do Leaves Go Crispy?* This topic will develop your child's interest, fascination and ideas about autumn. We will be learning about the way plants and animals adapt to the changing seasons. We will make detailed observations about autumn colours and talk about hibernation and the way animals prepare for winter.

Young children need lots of physical movement, so we will aim to be outdoors learning in all types of weather. Please ensure your child has a pair of wellies in school that are clearly labelled. Please also bring in a spare pair of clothes in a bag to leave on your child's peg. If your child has an accident or is wet from exploring exciting water activities, we will change them but we will need the appropriate clothing to do so.

If you have any questions or would like any more ideas on how to help your child progress on their learning journey, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the team via telephone.

Mrs Brookes - Nursery Class Teacher

Mrs Rosser - Nursery Teaching Assistant

Mrs Tyrell - Nursery Teaching Assistant

In Physical Development we will be using our bodies in various ways, to gain control of large and small movements and practising going over, under and through things.

In Expressive Art and Design we will be exploring a range of materials to reflect, make sense of and interpret our own thinking.

In Communication and Language we will be developing a language about our immediate environment and the world around us.

In Personal, Social and Emotional Development we will be learning to show affection, care and concern towards each other and our environment.

In Understanding of the World we will be discovering various types of families and what makes ours unique.



Literacy

In Nursery we will sing songs, read stories and rhymes everyday.

Each half term we will be focusing on books related to our class author (Michael Rosen) and those related to our current thinking. Books we will study this half term are "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" and "The Little Red Hen".

During small group time, children will focus on key skills which enable them to become great readers and great writers. Key skills include listening, paying attention, keeping concentration and taking turns to talk.



Numeracy

In our number work we will be developing our counting skills with numbers from 1-10, exploring how to sequence (the order of numbers) and matching an amount to a given number. We will also be exploring and naming 2D shapes.



Attendance and Punctuality

The continued message is of course that 'Every Day Matters' - Every day that your child misses is a day of learning lost. Please support us by ensuring that your child attends school every day and is in school ready to start their learning by 8:30am. This is particularly crucial after the missed learning that the Covid-19 school closures may have caused.

Reading

In Nursery, it is important to read stories with your child every day. This enables your child to look at and interpret what is happening in the pictures and predict what might happen next. We will send home a school reading book every week. We ask for you to complete a comment in their reading log once a week to inform the Nursery team on how your child is reading at home.

Reading books will be reviewed and changed on **Thursdays** where book bags will need to remain at school, then a new book will be sent home on **Friday**. As books can be shared at any time of the week it is very important for reading books and reading logs to be brought to school **every day**. For any reading books which are damaged or not returned to school there will be a charge.

Homework

Nursery will also receive a 'Topic Homework Challenge' sheet every half term. Your child will need to complete ONE piece of homework each week. They have been designed so that parents and children can work together on homework tasks.

We hope that you enjoy them.