

Nursery Newsletter: Autumn 1 2021

Welcome to the start of a new academic year! On behalf of the Nursery team, we hope you have had a fantastic Summer and have been keeping yourselves safe. We would like to send you our warmest wishes in welcoming you back to school.

The Autumn term is such an exciting time as it is where your child's learning journey begins! Our focus this half term will be to ensure that your child settles well and enjoys coming to Nursery. Securing relationships and establishing routines are a vital part of ensuring a smooth transition period.

At the start of the year, assessments of your child will be made so we can support each individual's learning to reach their highest potential. We will share this information with you and discuss ways in which you can support your child at home.

Your child will receive a book bag at the start of the year. This must be brought to school everyday and will include a reading book and a reading log. Your child's reading book will be changed every week. There will be a cost for any lost or damaged resources. Important messages or letters may also be placed inside book bags so please check them daily.

Our topic this half term is *Can I Have A Dog Yet?* This topic will stimulate children's curiosity, understanding, knowledge and imagination about pets and other animals. This topic will also cover life processes, different environments, habitats and creatures and their young.

In Nursery we will aim to be outdoors in all types of weather therefore, please ensure your child has a pair of named wellies left in school.

Please be aware that if your child is not yet secure using the toilet, appropriate changing facilities such as wipes, pull-ups and pants will need to be provided.

We understand this time of year can be worrying and many changes are happening. Please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Nursery team if you have any concerns or questions.

Miss Smith - Nursery Class Teacher/Early Years Leader

Mrs Rosser - Nursery Teaching Assistant

Mrs Tyrell - Nursery Teaching Assistant

In Physical Development we will be using our bodies to move like different animals. We will also be focusing on strengthening our fine motor muscles.

In Personal, Social, Emotional Development, we will be working on building relationships with our peers and using strategies to manage our feelings and behaviour.

In Communication and Language we will be learning a range of animal names and we will explain why we have favourite animals.

In Understanding of the World we will be learning about how animals care for their young and a range of different habitats.

In Expressive Arts and Design we will be learning about different animal patterns and textures. We will also be exploring changes in Autumn and completing art work linked to our class artist Piet Mondrian.

Dates for the diary

Wednesday 13th October -
Harvest Festival Assembly
(details to follow subject to
Covid)





Literacy

In Nursery we will sing songs, read stories and nursery rhymes everyday. Our daily phonic lessons will include distinguishing different sounds and completing body percussion activities. 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 "Dear Zoo", "Goldilocks & the Three Bears" and "Little Rabbit Foo Foo".

In writing we will be using a gross motor muscles to follow large patterns and practise moving our hands in different directions. We will begin by making marks on large paper indoors and outdoors.

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 recognising numbers in our environment and speaking about numbers of personal significance.



Attendance and Punctuality

'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 8:40am. This is particularly crucial after the missed learning that the Covid-19 school closures may have caused.

Homework

In Nursery, it is important to read stories with your child every day. This enables your child to look 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 **one weekly** comment in their reading log inform the Nursery team 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 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.