

Nursery Newsletter : Autumn 2 2021

Welcome back to Nursery! On behalf of the Nursery team, we hope you have had a wonderful break. The Nursery team are so proud of how well pupils have settled into Nursery and how well routines have been established. This term, we will be encouraging children to become independent individuals so that they can complete everyday tasks such as taking off and putting on their coat, using the toilet and hand washing. Please continue to support your child's independence at home. We will teach them that working together can help them to build good relationships and develop their thinking.

Our topic this term is *Did Dragons Exist?* This topic provides opportunities to stimulate children's curiosity, understanding, knowledge and imagination about dragons, castles and reptiles.

Please ensure your child brings their book bag to school **everyday**. This should include a reading book and reading log. For any lost or damaged reading books there will be a charge.

As we begin to enter the winter months, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately as outdoor learning is completed every day, in all weathers. **Children must also have a pair of named wellies in school as your child will be participating in weekly Forest Sessions along with daily outdoor learning.**

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Nursery Team.

Miss Smith - Nursery Class Teacher/Early Years Leader

Mrs Rosser - Nursery Teaching Assistant

Mrs Tyrrell - Nursery Teaching Assistant

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'Did Dragons Exist?' will provide your child with the knowledge and understanding of different parts of a castle, life in the past, dragons, knights, princesses, kings and queens.

In Physical Development, we will be completing exercises and using resources to strengthen our fine motor skills. We will be learning about fire safety and how to keep ourselves safe linked to Bonfire Night.

In Expressive Art and Design, we will be using our imagination to act out Medieval times and using puppets to re-tell the story of George and the Dragon.

In Communication and Language, we will be learning new language in order to be able to label different parts of a castle.

In Understanding of the World, we will be learning about life in the past, including clothes, jobs, toys and vehicles.

Dates for your diary

- 8th November - Diwali celebration (for information only, parents unable to attend)
- 12th November - Rock star dress up day
 - 16th November - School photographs
 - 19th November - Children in need
- 3rd December - Nursery Christmas craft morning (for information only, parents unable to attend)



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Literacy

This half term we will be developing our love for reading by accessing many different types of books within the environment and by visiting the school library.

In phonics, we will be using our listening skills to distinguish between different types of animal noises, vehicle noises and indoor noises.

This half term we will be focusing on the stories Goldilocks and the Three Bears and This Bus is For Us.

In writing, we will be practising forming some letters from our name and developing writing opportunities through imaginative play.



Numeracy

During our maths lessons, we will be learning about 2D shapes and completing shape hunts around our environment. We will be practising our touch counting skills and focusing on recognising numbers around us.

You can support your child at home with their number knowledge by recognising numbers around the environment and counting through physical actions, for example when walking up the stairs.

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 partial closures may have caused.

Homework - Reading

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** when 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 - Purple Mash

Your child will receive one weekly homework task on Purple Mash. This will be linked to either the phonics or maths learning which they have been focusing on in school. Your child will need to login to Purple Mash and click the '2do' tab to find their work.

Homework - Topic

Nursery will also receive a 'Topic Homework Challenge' sheet this 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.

Homework is set on a Friday and will need to be completed by Wednesday. This is so parents and children have the chance to speak to an adult on Monday or Tuesday if there is something that they do not understand. Please speak to a member of the Nursery team if you have any queries.