

Nursery Curriculum Newsletter



Term 5

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back everyone, we hope that you all had a wonderful Easter break. Thank you for all of your support with preparing your child for their time in Nursery. We are writing to inform you of all the wonderful things that your child will be learning whilst with us however it is important to identify that all children are different and will be working to develop different skills all of the time. We are working to settle in some of our new and younger children focussing on emotional needs and forming positive relationships whilst we will soon begin to support our older children with their transition into their Reception year.

What is happening this term?

For whole school events please see the whole school dojo. Here are some additional things happening for Children and parents in Nursery.

Information evening for those children moving up to our Reception Classes in September

Wednesday 24th May 6pm

The Value that we are focusing on this term is:

Teamwork

A huge well done to all of the children who have joined us this term. You have all settled in brilliantly during your first few sessions. You are quickly becoming familiar with the routines and environment, and you are building positive relationships with adults and other children quickly.

Look out on Tapestry and Dojo for our Scribble stories. Scribble stories are fantastic for us to focus on children's communication skills. We will also be challenging children with their drawings and paintings to create pictures that are recognisable. Children are encouraged to use careful movements to create purposeful marks and to add extra detail where possible e.g fingers onto the end of a stick arm to represent a hand.

Our first story focus this term is 'The very Hungry Caterpillar' Can your child retell the story to you at home. Are they also able to sing our caterpillar song?

Maths

Through play and exploration, beginning to learn that numbers are made up (composed) of smaller numbers

During carpet sessions we are playing 'show me'. Children show the amount asked for using their fingers. When instructed to show 4, children are beginning to show this as 2 and 2 or 3 and 1. (this is an expectation focussed more on the children moving to Reception)

Counts up to five items, recognising that the last number said represents the total counted so far. Whilst engaging in counting activities, we are learning to call "STOP" to help our friends to know when they have finished. This might be when they have counted all of the gems in their group or when they have collected the correct number of objects asked for.

Outdoors

As the weather is changing, we are noticing that many children are choosing to spend more time outdoors. The giant sand pit and mud kitchen have been particularly busy since our return.

We have begun planting vegetables including potatoes and carrots and are looking forward to planting and caring for many more!

Getting ready for the summer

On warmer days, please send your child into school with a named sunhat and apply sun protection onto exposed skin areas before they arrive to nursery.



Visits and visitors

Our children love to read and will enjoy sharing a book in so many of our spaces around the Nursery. We are currently planning a trip to the local library. Please look out for updates on Class Dojo. We will speak with you if you have not previously given permission for your child to attend local visits.

Children have been fascinated with occupations including police officers recently. We have costumes and small world role play with which children have enjoyed making up their own imaginative play scenarios. We are currently organising a police officer visitor to come into the school to describe their job role and give tour of their work vehicle.

Fine motor skills

We are continuously supporting children to develop their fine motor control, encouraging drawing and painting holding tools such as pens and paintbrushes. We offer a range of malleable materials such as dough and clay every day for children to really work their finger muscles!

