



'An Academy to be Proud of'



Dear families,

A warm welcome back to you all and a big hello to our new starters too. Everyone has settled well into nursery life and over the next few weeks we will continue to help your pre-school child become school ready, as they continue to learn through play and strengthen their friendships also.

Communication and Language

We will be developing the children's listening skills through stories, circle time and going on playground walks to listen for environmental sounds. Through play, they will be encouraged to use talk to connect ideas and re-tell simple events. Our themes are 'Magical Minibeasts' and 'Growing'. We will continue to use class Dojo to share their achievements.

The World

This half term is perfect for learning all about seasonal changes. The children will be encouraged to comment on aspects of their own world and ask questions too. The children will continue to learn about life cycles, in particular, the life cycle of a butterfly and will have first-hand experiences of this metamorphosis from a caterpillar to a chrysalis before emerging as a butterfly.

Physical Development

The children will develop their gross motor skills through a range of ways, such as balancing on different body parts and climbing, and will have P.E. sessions weekly. They will learn how to use one-handed tools and develop their fine motor skills, mark-making and an effective pencil grip. We will be promoting healthy eating and independence in self-care too. Being able to put on our own coat is a very important skill!

Expressive Arts

The children will learn some new songs including: Tiny Caterpillar, Lots of Minibeasts and Make a New Friend as well as singing traditional songs, such as Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes. They will learn how to mix colours and paint Eric Carle (author) inspired minibeasts. Role-play will be based around children's own interests.

Maths

The children will begin to develop a repertoire of number rhymes and songs including: 10 in a Bed, 10 Fat Sausages, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5...Once I Caught a Fish Alive and 5 Little Speckled Frogs. They will also engage in activities which develop counting skills beyond 10, number recognition (1-5) and learn about patterns and symmetry.

Things to remember

1. As the weather is becoming warmer, please apply factor 50 sun cream to your child before the start of their nursery session.
2. Please ensure your child has a labelled water bottle so they can stay hydrated and access it during the day.
3. Please label all items of clothing.

Thank you for your continued support

Best wishes Mrs Vos and Mrs Reid

Literacy

The children will engage in daily 'Jolly Phonics' in which they will be tuning into sounds, listening and remembering them, and talking about the sounds they hear. They will be encouraged to join in with Nursery Rhymes and stories. We will be reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', 'Mad about Minibeasts' and books about growing and life cycles. The pre-school children will be practising their letter formations and writing their names.