



# Nursery Newsletter

## Summer

### By the Sea!



#### This term

I would like to welcome the new families joining the nursery and school family over the next term.

During this term in nursery, we will be focusing our learning on our topic, 'By the Sea!'

Our author of the term is: Jill Murphy

We will be focusing on different aspects of the seaside, such as, on the beach, sun safety .

To keep in touch, we will be using Seesaw online to track children's learning and achievements. If you need any information or assistance in logging into Seesaw please do not hesitate to ask. I may set specific tasks for your child to extend/ enhance their learning in nursery. Please feel free to add anything you would like about your child. We also have a private Facebook account which we will add notices and information to. Our group of Facebook is called St Cuthbert's Early Years group.

In line with the school gates opening and closing times, the blue door into the nursery courtyard will be closed during the nursery day. The opening times will be as follows:

AM Session: 8.30-9.50 for drop off and again at 11.15-11.30 for pick up

PM Session: 12.30-12.50 for drop off and again at 3.15-3.30 for pick up.

If you need to collect your child outside of these times, please go to the main school office.

If you ever need any support, please do not hesitate to get in touch at time, I am always available to talk in school.

#### Communication and Language

During the Summer term we are continuing our focus on communication and language. Throughout the daily routine the children will be encouraged to engage in conversations about their play. This will include being encouraged to answer who, what, where and why questions. As part of our weekly stories we will be exploring the meaning of new words to extend the children's vocabulary.

We will be continuing one to one, adult-led activities, small and whole group sessions and lots

#### Physical Development

During all nursery sessions the children will continue to be provided with lots of opportunities to develop their physical skills- both gross and fine motor.

To encourage the development of their gross motor skills the children will have opportunities including daily access to the outdoor area. As a focus this term the children will be given lots of opportunity for large scale mark making.

<p>of opportunities for the children to interact with their peers. During all of these experiences given to the children we will be remember that part conversation is taking the time to listen to others.</p>	<p>To develop fine motor skills the children will be encouraged to mark make in every aspect of their play.</p> <p>We will be continuing our daily dough disco and squiggle whilst you wiggle sessions to encourage the development of the muscles needed for writing skills.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</b></p> <p>In nursery, to support the children’s Personal, Social and Emotional development we are continuing to working to establish relationships within the setting;</p> <p>The children will be encouraged to develop a sense of responsibility and membership as part of the school community. Follow the rules in nursery without reminders from adults around them.</p> <p>The children will work towards being independent learners, including working with others in social situations to work out ways to solve conflicts and understanding their own emotions.</p> <p>The children will also be encouraged to become independent with their self care, for example, using the toilet, washing and drying hands, teeth brushing and putting on/ taking off their own coats etc.</p> <p>Children who are moving to Reception class in September should be using the toilet independently or well on their way to no longer wearing nappies/pull ups to nursery. If you need any support in these areas, please let us know and we will find the best away to support you.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>R.E</b></p> <p>As we move into the Summer term our R.E topics are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pentecost- Good News</li> <li>• Reconciliation- Friends</li> <li>• Islam</li> <li>• Universal Church- Our church</li> </ul> <p>As part of the nursery routine we will be asking the children to join in daily prayers, including making the sign of the cross naming, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We will be saying the school prayer as well as the Our Father.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Literacy</b></p> <p>The focus for the children in Literacy this half term is to become confident in recognising their own name. To do this the children will be asked to find their own name as they come into nursery as part of our self-registration and practice writing their names daily.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Maths</b></p> <p>Maths is supported though the daily routine in nursery, the children are given opportunity to count, order and explore shape.</p>

We have started Sounds- Write phonics in nursery with our N2 children who are ready to move to Reception in September. If you have any questions about what we are doing in this, please ask.

We have lots of opportunities to read in nursery, books are available for the children in every area in nursery. This includes fiction and non-fiction books. As we read the children will be encouraged to talk about the books and retell them in their own words in order with and without pictures to prompt.

Our 2-year olds in nursery will be encouraged to recognise the first letter of their name and will be given daily opportunities to mark make. As well as this, they will join in with circle times where we sing familiar rhymes and read stories where they will be joining in with and repeat words and phrases.

Alongside this, the children will be encouraged to take part in circle times focused around different aspects of maths.

Our 2-year olds will be joining in with singing number songs as part of circle time- they will be encouraged to join in repeating number names. Opportunities to build, complete inset puzzles and compare objects will be provided through their play experiences.

### Expressive Arts and Design

The children in nursery will have lots of chances to express themselves during their time in nursery. Our arts and creativity will be focused around the topic, 'By the Sea.'

In continuous provision we will have paints, dough, blocks, pencils etc for the children to create. Our role play area this half term is a home corner, which the children can use to develop their pretend play. This can be continued in the small world play in which the children can use their imagination to create their own stories with their friends.

### Understanding the World

As part of our topic this term we will be talking about 'By the Sea!'

During this topic we will be talking about our own country and finding out about other countries around the world.

As the weather changes and we move further into Summer we will be talking about the different in the seasons, living things and different plants and animals we will see this time of year.

### 2 Year Provision

The children accessing the two-year provision in nursery will be encouraged to take part in all aspects of the daily routine.

As part of the children accessing nursery it is a statutory requirement that we, as a nursery, complete a 2-year progress check. This will be completed in partnership with parents/ carers. The EYFS progress check at age two focuses on the three prime areas of learning:

- Communication and Language
- personal, social and emotional development
- physical development

## Dates

Polling Day (Nursery Closed)- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Bank Holiday (Nursery Closed)- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Half Term: 27<sup>th</sup>- 31<sup>st</sup> May

Nursery returns on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

## Reminders

Summer- As the weather turns warmer, please make sure your child has a sunhat (With name inside) and water bottle in nursery. Suncream is to be applied before nursery- if your child attends nursery for 30hrs we will reapply sun cream, when necessary, after lunch (with your permission)- Please provide sun cream suitable for your child's needs.

Names- Please make sure the children's clothing is named.

Trays- Please remember to check your child tray daily. Home reading books, letters and fantastic artwork are in their trays ready to share with you at home.

Bags- Please make sure your child had a change of clothes with them at nursery. As a nursery we don't have a lot of spare clothing, we do appreciate the children having a spare in their bags just in case of any mishaps. This bag can be left on their peg in nursery.

Drinks bottles- Please make sure your child's bottle contains **water only** for nursery. The bottle can be left at nursery for the week, we will refill with fresh water each day. This should then be taken home on a Friday to be washed and returned to nursery on a Monday ready for the week.

