



NURSERY NEWSLETTER

We hope that these letters will keep you informed of all that is happening in Nursery. If you have any queries, please come and see a member of the nursery team.

Nursery Staff

Mrs Naik is the class teacher
and our wonderful assistants
are Miss Cothliff and Miss
Hunter. Mrs Slater will be
taking groups for Speech and
Language.

THEME

Our current topic is called 'Ticket to Ride'. Our role play will go back to being a home corner. The books we will be looking at are as follows: -

Week 1 – Little Red Riding Hood

Week 2- The Gingerbread man

Week 4 – Handa's Surprise

Week 5 – Non-fiction books about transport

Week 6 – We're Going on a Bear Hunt



Communication and Language

We will concentrate on the children being able to talk about familiar books and using talk to be able to retell longer stories. The children have started to recognise characters and settings in books and they will now look at making up their own characters. We will begin to focus on and begin to understand 'why' questions when asked about things that are familiar to them. In nursery we will encourage the children to use talk to organise themselves and their play. This half term there will be a big focus on the children showing awareness of rhyme and alliteration.



Personal, social and emotional development

The children will be looking at goals and achievements. They will see what they are good at and what they would like to achieve such as put on their coats, shoes, socks etc. Children will then be encouraged to achieve their goal and talk about how they can achieve their goals.

Physical development



The children will be encouraged to become independent and choose the right resources to carry out their own plan. They will practice or learn how to hop, skip, stand and hold a pose for a game. We will talk about making healthy choices about food, drink, activity, and exercise. Every day the children will complete focussed fine motor skill activities. There are still children that need help holding their pencil using tripod grip, so there will be lots of practice for these children.

Literacy

The children will understand that when reading, we read English texts from left to right and from top to bottom. The children will be taught phonics every day through games, as well as using resources from our whole school Essential Letters and Sounds Scheme. This will involve using sounds, musical instruments and sound talking three letter words. We will start learning to recognise some letters and forming these. We will also practise writing the letters in our names.



Mathematics

The children have had lots of practice at counting, we will now encourage them to say one number for each item in order 1,2,3,4,5. We will start making marks for numbers and experiment with their own symbols. We have looked at patterns in our environment and this now be extended this to create ABAB patterns.

Understanding the world



Through our stories we will look at different countries in the world and talk about differences between us, such as the clothes we wear, what we eat and the different languages we speak. This will help us to continue to develop positive attitudes about the differences between people and show respect for each other.

Expressive arts and design

We will be encouraging the children to play instruments with increasing control to express their feelings and ideas. We will act out some of the stories that we read with children taking on the roles of the characters. There will always be painting available, and children will be encouraged to mix colours to see and experiment what happens.

LUNCHTIMES

Please provide your child with a healthy packed lunch, we do not allow sweets, chocolates or fizzy drinks. If your child brings grapes to nursery, please cut them in half so as to avoid choking.



INDEPENDENCE

Your child should be able to put on and take off their own coats. If your child is able to do this, then encourage them to zip/button their coats themselves. Most of the children should be able to use the toilet independently. If your child is not yet doing this, please encourage them to do this at home and we are happy to help at nursery.

NURSERY FUND

Just a reminder that we do have a nursery fund which is £1 a week which helps us to buy consumables and complete practical activities with the children such as baking. Thank you to all the parents for contributing. Just a quick reminder that nursery fund is collected on a Monday. Thank you once again.

Some helpful websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJRViYyOiUg>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/green-balloon-club/games/green-balloon-clubgiggleswickpark/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/misc/games/misc-colourmixcottage/>