



NURSERY NEWSLETTER

We hope that these letters will keep you informed of all that is happening in Nursery.

Nursery Staff

Mrs Naik is the class teacher, and our wonderful assistants are Miss Cothliff and Miss Hunter who are always there to help. Mrs Slater does speech and language in nursery at various times of the week.

THEME

Our current topic for the first half of the summer term is called 'Down at the bottom of the garden'. This involves us looking at various stories related to growing and life cycle of a butterfly. The books we will be looking at are the following:

Week 1 and 2 – Spring and The Enormous Turnip.

Week 3 and 4 The Hungry Caterpillar.

Week 5 – Jasper's Beanstalk.

Week 6 – Jack and the Beanstalk.

Communication and Language

The children will now be expected to use longer sentences when talking, and this will be modelled in everything we do. They have already started expressing their views, but they will be taught how to do this in an appropriate way using actions and words. An emphasis will be placed on organising their play, taking turns in conversations and listening to each other.

Personal, social and emotional development

The children will look at how they have changed, they will compare what they could do as a baby and what they can do now. We will talk about the children going into school, what will be different and any worries they may have. We will walk around the school in small groups, so they become familiar with the setting.

Physical development

The children have done really well with their big movements such as hopping, jumping, skipping etc, these will continue but there will be a greater emphasis on their fine motor skills (small movements). We will continue to do our fine motor skills daily in our key worker groups and will also practice our names daily. We will practice using a knife and fork and making healthy choices when eating.

Literacy

Phonics is taught daily as a whole class where we focus on a letter a week, this involves precise listening and sounding out words. The children are becoming good at listening to longer stories and we will develop this further by engaging them in extended conversations and them learning new vocabulary. Our role play has become a garden centre so there will be lots of opportunities for them to write lists and use their letter knowledge.



Mathematics

Most children can now recognise their numbers to 5 which is a great achievement; however, we will still be reinforcing this on a daily basis by going through our numbers in our key worker groups and counting out objects of a given number. We will look at real world mathematical problems to 5 using practical methods. There will also be lots of pattern work, and children will be encouraged to follow and make ABAB patterns and also notice an error in a repeating pattern.

Understanding the world

Before Easter we had some frog spawn and are now watching as they have grown into tadpoles and will become frogs. We will also be ordering some real-life caterpillars so the children will be able to see the life cycle of a butterfly, which will be so exciting. We planted daffodil bulbs in October, the children have now seen them grow and flower. We have lots of herbs in our outdoor kitchen which the children are caring for, watching them grow, feeling and smelling them and using them in our outdoor kitchen. The children will be growing various seeds and watching them grow. We will also grow beans and look at the roots.

Expressive arts and design

This half term there will be an emphasis on using the small world so that the children use their imagination to make complex stories which again will extend their vocabulary further. We will also take this role play outside using the large equipment. The children will also be doing lots of singing, making up their own songs and performing to their friends. They will also be playing instruments to express their feelings and ideas.

Religious Education

This half term we will be looking at 'Stories Jesus Heard'. We will look at artefacts from these stories, re-telling them, acting them out and seeing how they are linked to other religions.

LUNCHTIMES

A school dinner costs £1 a day and is to be paid in at the school office.

Afternoon children eat their packed lunches as soon as they come into nursery so, please do not give your child their lunch at home.

Please provide your child with a healthy packed lunch and no fizzy drinks or sweets please.

NURSERY FUND

Thank you to all the parents for contributing £1 a week towards nursery fund.

Just a quick reminder that nursery fund is collected on a Monday. Thank you once again.

TOILET TRAINING

Please ensure that your child is toilet trained. If you are struggling with this, please come and speak to a member of our staff as we are aiming for all children to be out of nappies by the end of May.