



St Matthew's

Church of England Primary Academy
A member of **CDARI**

Welcome to our very first 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 Mrs Reddy and Mrs Okeowo. We are always here to help. Mrs Rawat will be taking the class on a Thursday morning.

THEME

Our current theme is called 'My World your World'. We will be looking at our immediate and extended family. We will then go on to look at how the children have changed and talk about babies. The books we will be looking at are: -

Week 1 and 2 – Nursery Rhymes

Week 3 – Peace at Last

Week 4 – Where's Spot

Week 5 – My Mum is Fantastic

Week 6 – My Dad is Brilliant

Week 7 – Looking at various non-fiction books about babies.

Communication and Language

The children will be expected to respond and follow simple instructions and will be taught to be good listeners. In small groups the children will begin to listen to each other and join in with repeated refrains and songs.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term the children will be getting used to the environment and make themselves familiar with other children and the staff, so they can begin to form relationships. During PE sessions children will need to be able to take jumpers, shoes and socks on and off.

Physical Development



Children will be given the opportunity to move freely and confidently. They will be encouraged to make large bodily movements to make circles and lines. Children will be expected to attend to their toileting needs with help or independently.

Literacy



The children will be encouraged to look at books independently, holding them the correct way, turning the pages carefully and looking at the pictures. We will do lots of mark making and we will talk about what the children have done so they can start to give meaning to their marks they make.

Mathematics

We will focus on using number names accurately during play. Children will be encouraged to recognise, match, and talk about shapes of everyday objects.



Understanding the World

The children will talk about their immediate and extended families. They will look at baby photographs of themselves and other children in the nursery. We will make a timeline from being a baby to an elderly person.

Expressive Arts and Design



The children will be encouraged to use their senses and bodies to explore the environment. They will capture experiences and responses with music, dance, paint and various other media. They will join in with ring games and singing.

LUNCHTIMES

Just a quick reminder that if your child comes to nursery in the morning, the children go over to school at 11.30am to have their lunch. Therefore, if you are providing a packed lunch please can you ensure that it is in school before lunch time. A school dinner cost £1.

Afternoon children will need a packed lunch and they will go over to school to eat it, so please make sure your child is in nursery 12.10 prompt as there is no one in nursery until the children have eaten their dinner which is 12.40pm.

NURSERY FUND

Thank you to all the parents for contributing £1 a week towards nursery fund. Just a quick reminder that the nursery fund is collected on a Monday. The money collected helps us to provide creative activities for the children.

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 and we will be happy to talk you through what you could do and direct you on how to get support.

