



NURSERY NEWSLETTER

We hope this letter will keep you informed of all that is happening in Nursery.

THEME

This half term our topic is 'Celebrations'. We will be looking at different traditions and festivals that are celebrated in the months of November and December. We will talk and act out 'The Nativity'. The books we will be looking at are: -

- Week 1 – Bonfire poem
- Week 2 – Non-fiction books about Diwali
- Week 3 – Autumn poem
- Week 4 – Spots birthday
- Week 5 – Jolly Christmas Postman
- Week 6 – Dear Santa
- Week 7 – Christmas Story

Nursery Staff

Mrs Naik is the class teacher, and our wonderful assistants are Mrs Reddy and Miss Worden who are always here to help.

Communication and Language

The children will be expected to respond and follow simple instructions and will be taught how to be good listeners. They will be encouraged to join in with repetition in rhymes and stories. We will be doing lots of speaking and listening activities. We have introduced a word wall, so this half term we will be looking at words associated to a farm and transport. We will look at pictures and words associated to these two themes to help extend your child's vocabulary.

Personal, social and emotional development

This half term the children will be getting used to the environment and making themselves familiar with other children and the staff so they can begin to form relationships.

Physical development

We will be encouraging children to put their own coats on and off and to also fasten them up. As we are promoting independence children will also be encouraged to take off and put on their own jumpers and aprons. Children will be given the opportunity to move freely and confidently and this half term we will focus on space around them. They will be encouraged to make large bodily movements to make circles and lines. Children will be expected to attend to their toileting needs independently most of the time. There will also be focussed activity everyday which involves children using their fine motor skills, such as threading, using the pincers and using one handed tools and equipment.

Literacy

The children will be encouraged to look at books independently, holding them the correct way, turning the pages carefully and suggesting how a story may end. We will continue to make marks using a variety of media and begin to give meanings to the marks we make. Marks will be made on small and large scales.



Mathematics

We will focus on using number names accurately during their play. We will do lots of large movements to count and move our bodies such as stamping, clapping, jumping etc They will be encouraged to recognise, match and talk about shapes of everyday objects.



Understanding the world

The children will be encouraged to talk about significant events that have happened to them and talk about special people in their lives. The children will also be encouraged to use their senses in hands on exploration of natural materials.

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. The children will put on a very short performance at Christmas which I will video and put on class do jo.

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. Most children should now be out of nappies unless they have a specific need.



Things to do to help your child

- Ask your child what they have been doing at nursery.
- Encourage your child to count at any opportunity. For example, as they are climbing the stairs, count family members etc.
- Encourage your child to share and say 'sorry' when they have done something wrong.
- Encourage your child to listen to sounds when they are out and about.

Useful Websites

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