



# St Matthew's

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CTDARI**

Welcome to the 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 assistant is Mrs Reddy who is always there to help. Mrs Grille will be taking the class on Tuesday. Mrs Lambat will be doing speech and language work on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

## THEME

This half term our topic is 'Night and Day'. We will be looking at different traditions and festivals that are celebrated in the months of November and December and will also looking at books related to night and day. We will talk about and act out 'The Nativity'. The books we will be looking at are: -

Week 1 – Autumn/non-fiction books

Week 2 – Bonfire night/ firework poem

Week 3 – Owl Babies

Week 4 – A Dark Dark Tale

Week 5 – Night Monkey Day Monkey

Week 6 – The Christmas Story

Week 7 – The Christmas Story

## Communication and Language

The children will be expected to respond and follow simple instructions and will be taught to be good listeners. They will be encouraged to join in with repetition in rhymes and stories. We will be practising our speaking and listening skills. In Nursery 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 the children's vocabulary.

## Personal, social and emotional development

We will be encouraging children to put their own coats on and off and to also fasten them up independently. The focus for this half term is music and movement, we are fortunate that Mrs Howard is a dance expert and will be leading this. Our dance will take place in the hall and children will be encouraged to take off and put on their own jumpers, socks and shoes. 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, pincer movements, cutting and pencil control.

## 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 do lots of mark making and begin to give meanings to the marks they make. Marks will be done on small and large scale using various types of media.



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



## NURSERY FUND

Please remember to pay your nursery fund every week. It is £1 a week, and goes towards resources for your child such as play dough and cooking ingredients, paint, paper, fruit, milk etc.

## ATTENDANCE

It is important that your child attends nursery every day as this helps them get into a routine, form relationships with adults and peers and children that attend nursery regularly will get the best out of nursery.

### 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 Website

- <http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk>
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/teddy-numbers> (talk about the numbers with your child, do they recognise them).
- [https://www.happyclicks.net/colouring-games/colouring\\_game\\_city.php](https://www.happyclicks.net/colouring-games/colouring_game_city.php) (talk about the colours and name them).