



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

Mrs Reddy and Mrs O.

. Mrs Pickup will be taking the class each Monday.

Mrs Slater will be in nursery supporting children with their speech and language

THEME

Our topic for this half term is called 'Over the Rainbow'. We will be looking at different colours and what happens to them when they are mixed. The books that we will be looking at each week are as follows: -

Week 1 – Rainbow Fish

Week 2 – Winter and cold colours

Week 3 – Elmer

Week 4 – Ned's Rainbow

Week 5 – Mouse Paint

Week 6 – Brown Bear Brown Bear

Communication and Language



In addition to the stories listed above the children will also be exposed to a wide range of other books within provision and in the reading area. They will be encouraged to be good listeners both in a small and large group. There is now a listening station in the reading area where children can listen to books on the headphones. Speaking clearly and using good sentences will be modelled by all adults in nursery to encourage this. The children will continue with daily phonic sessions, which will also increase their listening skill.

Personal, social and emotional development

The focus for this half term will be for the children to look at their feelings and how they manage them in different situations. They will talk about feelings of excitement, anger, happiness, sadness etc and how they show these feelings. We will continue our work with the children encouraging them to make friendships, learning to share and sort any conflicts out between themselves.

Physical development

This half term we will continue with gymnastics. The children will be given the opportunity to use their imagination and think of different ways of moving along the equipment. Please continue to support your child with putting on and taking off their own jumpers, shoes and socks. We will carry on focussing on how the children hold their pencil. Please support us with this and encourage them to hold a pencil near the point between the first two fingers and the thumb.



Literacy

Our role play area is a home corner, we have now added plastic food to encourage the children to use their experiences into play. Many children have now started making marks, and telling an adult what they have created, some are making a good attempt at writing their name. Please help your child at home supporting them to practice writing their name.



Mathematics

The children will be encouraged to count to 10 and beyond during their play. They will be taught to recognise numbers to 3, 5 or 10 depending upon their ability. We will also enjoy lots of physical activities around counting such as jumping, clapping, stamping etc as we move. Children that are ready will start to categorise, separate groups and look at one more. There will also still be an emphasis on shapes in the environment and the properties of 2D shapes.

Understanding the world

As we look at stories as part of our Literacy, we will look at the environments that the books are set in. We will look at similarities and differences, what creatures live in these habitats and why? We will focus on different materials, describing the textures of them.

Expressive arts and design

The children will be given the opportunities to experiment with different media. They will be making large marks on big sheets of paper, splatter painting, doing observational drawings and collaging. We will be exploring colour and how it can be changed. The children will have the opportunity to mix colours independently in the creative areas and use these to paint with.



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

It is really important that your child attends nursery everyday so that they can form friendships, know what is going on and get into a good routine ready for school. It is also important for your child to be punctual so children can get the most out of their time in Nursery. As soon as the children come into nursery they take part in keyworker time, where they do focus fine motor skill activities and have time to work with their key worker.

NURSERY FUND

Please remember that nursery fund is £1 a week. This helps us provide creative activities for you children. Thank you to all those parents that pay regularly. If you need to know how much you owe, please ask a member of staff and they will be able to tell you. Thank you once again.

Useful Websites

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BCa3AeqRyO>
- <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/1/sound-starters>
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/underwater-counting>