

# Nursery - Summer



We would like to welcome all of our families back to Nursery for the Summer Term. This is a very busy term for the children as we develop their independence, learning and resilience. We will also be working towards the transition to Reception and giving the children opportunities to visit and become familiar with some of the routines in school.



Our new topic for the summer term is "All creatures great and small", we will be learning about minibeasts, farm and wild animals and ways we can care for them. The children will explore different habitats and countries that we may find some of the animals. In nursery the children will be caring for our own caterpillars and learning about the life cycle of the butterfly. After the May half term we will focus on animals we find under the sea and learning about protecting our oceans and Sealife. In our outdoor area we will continue to develop our bug hotel and caring for our plants and flowers.

## Uniform

As the warmer weather approaches, please make sure you clearly label your child's cardigans, jumpers and sunhats that come into Nursery. During the hotter months please apply sun cream before attending nursery, unfortunately we are unable to apply this during the day. Please send in spare clothes for your child in case we have to change them, as part of our Early Years curriculum, we have a water tray, sand pit, mud kitchen and unpredictable weather so expect things to get messy sometimes.

## Snack and Packed lunch

Snack will continue to be provided twice a day. Please continue to send in a named water bottle, with water only, no juice please.



A gentle reminder that we are a NUT FREE school, therefore sandwich spreads with nuts / traces of nuts or any product with nuts will be sent home. If your child brings a packed lunch to Nursery, we recommend 5 items e.g., sandwich, yoghurt, veggie sticks, bag of crisps, piece of fruit and one treat.

## Tapestry

Your child's play observations are uploaded onto *Tapestry*, where you can make comments and upload your own observations. Please upload any photos and videos of your child's experiences and achievements and we can share these in class with the children.

## Themes for learning

Mrs Hardy will continue to send out a weekly memo on Tapestry to keep you informed of the learning taking place in nursery each week and how you can support this at home. We may also request that the children bring items, in preparation for their learning.

## Communication and Language

- We will continue to work on extending the children's vocabulary, commenting on what children are interested in and doing, whilst working and playing alongside them. We will ensure we introduce new and varied vocabulary that will build children's language effectively.
- We will develop and support the children's questioning and following instructions confidently.
- We will continue to read frequently to the children and expose them to a range of texts; stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems. In the EYFS it is our aim to provide the children with extensive opportunities to use and embed new words in a range of contexts.
- The children will continue to learn letter sounds through our Read Write Inc scheme and use this in their mark making and name writing.
- During play opportunities we will support and encourage the children to continue a conversation and listen to each other.
- During circle time sessions we will support the children to develop their confidence



## Personal, Social and Emotional

- We will continue to promote the school rules; being kind, working hard and staying safe.
- Children will continue to develop their sense of responsibility and membership of a community.
- Children will be confident to identify their own feelings and understand how others might be feeling.
- During carpet circle time sessions, we will have discussions to support the development of different points of view and how to resolve differences with our friends.
- We will be supporting the children during transition to Reception and begin regular visits and activities to help the children.



## Physical Development

- Children will continue to work on using the correct pencil grip when colouring in or writing their names. They will practise writing with more control.
- In the indoor and outdoor area, we will continue to provide opportunities for the children to develop their core strength, stability, balance, spatial awareness, co-ordination and agility.
- Children will also be encouraged to dress themselves independently and take more ownership of their belongings.
- We will support and encourage children to maintain a healthy lifestyle and support their independence with personal hygiene.

