



Nursery Class

Summer Newsletter 2024

Welcome back! We hope you all had a great break with your family and friends. We welcome some new families to our community and look forward to another exciting term in nursery class. We also welcome Mrs Kimble to our nursery class team this term.



Our topics are 'On the Farm' and 'In the Garden'

We will be learning all about life on the farm, finding out about different animals and insects and how animals change over time. We will welcome some Living Eggs into the classroom and children will observe chicks hatching. We will also learn about the life cycle of a frog with the addition of frogspawn into our classroom, for children to observe and care for. We will spend time growing seeds and watching what happens to them alongside growing different plants in our front garden area which we hope to eat as part of our snack.

Literacy



We will continue to share books with your child daily as part of our story time and also learn to recite poems using a programme called Poetry basket. We look forward to doing lots of learning activities based around some key books: Farmer Duck, Farmyard Hullaboo, Dear Zoo, The Hungry Caterpillar and the Bad- Tempered Ladybird to name a few.

Your child will also bring home up to two books to share at home with you each week. We will continue learning nursery rhymes and learning sounds that words begin with and practise our oral blending skills and develop our understanding of rhyme daily.

Books are changed on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday so please ensure your child brings their reading book bag in so they can change them and look at them with class adults.

As part of fine motor control and writing, children will continue to build up their muscle strength by either taking part in adult led sessions in 'Dough disco' or 'Squiggle time'. Children will also have daily opportunities to mark make using different malleable materials: playdough, foam, flour, sand and access a wealth of writing tools in our inside and outside learning provision.

Maths

We will continue to have short daily maths sessions in class and will of course be exploring all the maths opportunities in the children's play too.

This term, our daily learning will be linked to counting, noticing, number rhymes and 'subitising' (being able to look at amounts of things similar in shape and size up to 3)

We will also be exploring maths through lots of opportunities with using money as role play shops are set up to teach skills and for children to embed through their chosen play.

We will continue to notice and create repeating patterns, sequencing real and fictional events, and developing the vocabulary and skills linked to length, size, weight and capacity.



Personal, Social and Emotional

In PSHE, we will be looking at 'Changes' that happen to us over time as some children prepare to move to their next class. We will also learn how we have changed since we were born as well. In our My Happy Minds programme, continuing to learn how to develop self-control and how to name and manage big feelings through taking part in happy breathing and other mindful activities.

Gross motor skills



Children will continue to develop their gross motor skills of climbing, running, hopping and skipping as part of Monday morning PE lessons and through daily access to our front

garden space. Children will use planks, crates and other resources to practise balancing and also improve their ball skills as well as playing games and working together in teams.

Please ensure your child does not wear earrings on Mondays or they will have to sit and watch.

Independent skills and Managing Myself

We will continue to support and teach children to manage themselves by:

Removing and putting on their own coat – older nursery children are now working on doing up zips too ready for their transition to Reception class.

Supporting them in being healthy through washing hands before eating and after using the toilet

Embedding the importance of twice daily teeth brushing and eating healthy food

We do appreciate your support in helping your child to learn to master these skills as part of their learning journey.

General Information

Children in EYFS have access to the outside area every day, in all weathers. This will mean that sometimes your child will be a bit sandy or wet or will get their clothes a bit messy – learning in nursery and EYFS is all about exploring different resources and how they learn to build up their knowledge of the Natural World. Our informal school uniform expectations reflect this.

As the weather gets hotter and sunnier (hopefully!), please make sure you apply suncream to your child **before** they attend their nursery session **at home**. We will ensure children have regular shaded breaks. If providing your child with sunglasses on way into nursery, please take them from your child as we would not want these to get lost. Suncream should not be brought into school in children's bags etc for health and safety reasons.

And finallyPlease take the time to check your child's belongings such as plimsolls, jackets, jumpers, and water bottles as well as these may have been replaced or fallen off with wear and tear.



Please do come and talk to us if you have any questions!

We look forward to another very successful term with your wonderful children.

Miss Smith, Mrs Redding, Mrs Kimble, Ms Wood and Ms Hibbert.