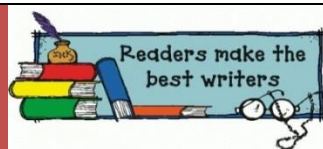


Nursery Autumn Newsletter, 2016

Welcome to the autumn term! We try to make teaching and learning relevant and fun. Our classroom culture is built on our values: respect, kindness, friendship, enthusiasm, teamwork, truth and encouragement. We will be talking about these words a great deal ensuring that each pupil feels valued, included, secure and excited about learning. We encourage good behaviour at all times and positive attitudes towards learning and school.

Our main focus for this term will be the prime areas which are: Personal Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language and Physical Development.

If you have any comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us as we would like to continue our excellent home-school relationships, and aim to provide high-quality information, clear communication and an 'open-door' policy.



Literacy



Reading and enjoyment of stories is very important for our children, so please remember to make use of the school library and borrow books. This term some of our class will be beginning to learn some phonics (sounds) and to practise recognising them when they are written down.

Communication, Language and Literacy

All children will be continuing to develop their speaking and listening skills. These include listening to stories with interest and responding to simple questions. To support their development, a number of activities will be a regular part of their daily routine such as learning partners, circle time, story time and role-play.

Phonics

Children will be learning to explore sounds around them e.g. musical instruments, going on a sound hunt and hearing the initial sounds in their name and words. Some children will begin to learn to recognise letters of their name.

Reading

We have story time sessions every day and encourage all parents to read with their child as often as possible, exploring the text and images, asking and answering questions about the story. This really helps children develop their understanding of language and build their experiences. It doesn't have to be in English so please read in whichever language you feel most comfortable.

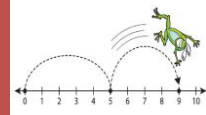
Writing

Children will be 'mark making' and are encouraged to give meaning to the marks they have made, for example after making some marks they say 'I'm writing my name'.

The following website is excellent for children to practise their literacy skills:

<http://www.educationcity.com/>

Mathematical Development



Spotting numbers and shapes in the environment is a really useful way of helping children remember them. We will be learning about ordering numbers and counting in sequence.

<http://www.educationcity.com/> is a great website to support children's learning in maths.

Topic



Our topics for this term are 'Myself' and 'My Family'.

We will be reading a range of stories and covering all the areas of development through the topic. We will start by looking at the body parts and people in our family. We will then look at some stories related to this such as 'My Birthday' and 'Owl Babies'.



Cooking

The children will be taking part in cooking once a week, usually on a Thursday. This is an excellent opportunity for the children to practise their motor skills and they all enjoy it!

We are asking for a contribution of 50p a week to cover the cost of ingredients. You can also pay on a half termly basis if it is more convenient. This term the contribution will be **£3.50**.



Outdoor play

Outdoor learning is an important part of the Foundation Stage and as the children will be outside please ensure that as the weather changes that children come to school with suitable clothing including trousers, a warm jacket, spare clothing and (if possible) a pair of wellies. These can be left on their peg.



PE



We will be doing P.E every week. We will be focusing on dance this term and practising ball skills. This term we will be encouraging children to take off their shoes in the PE hall. This will help them develop their independence.



General notices/reminders

Change of clothes

Please bring in a change of clothes for your child, labelled and in a labelled bag. This helps when a child needs changing.

Personal and Social Development

Please help your child to become more independent by encouraging and allowing time for him or her to put on their coat unaided.

Nursery Times

Our Nursery times are as follows:

Morning Nursery times are: 8.45am to 11.45am.

Afternoon Nursery times are: 12.30pm to 3.30pm.

Please could all parents try and leave Nursery by 8.55 so that children can independently explore activities.

Queries, worries or questions

If you have a concern or any questions, feel free to pop in at the end of the session. Please be aware that time at the end of the day can be limited, so if you need to discuss anything in more depth, please call the school office on **020 8520 6267** to arrange an appointment with the class teacher. Alternatively, you can email the school at admin@coppermill.waltham.sch.uk

Thank you for all your support. We look forward to an exciting term with your children!

Miss Khan, Miss Marshall and Mrs Shaikh