

Nursery Spring Newsletter 2019

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back, with a special welcome to our new children and families. We appreciate your patience and support during the settling in process as our main priority is to settle the children as quickly as possible so that everyone feels safe and enjoys coming to nursery.

We have another fun term ahead! We will be focusing on the following topics: 'Winter'; 'People who help us'; and 'How to keep healthy'.

As ever, we follow children's interests to make learning dynamic and relevant to them so these are likely to evolve and adapt as the term progresses. Please ask a member of the Nursery team for more information on what we are currently doing as we always encourage parents and carers to support children in their learning by talking about specific information related to our topics.

Thank you for all your continued support. We look forward to a fun and exciting term with your children!



Literacy

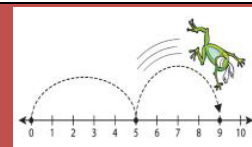
Reading good quality stories is important for children's language development. It doesn't matter which language you read to your child, just as long as you are regularly sharing stories. Children can transfer their understanding of concepts over to English so please make this a part of your daily routine and make use of the public library and borrow books. We'll be focusing on remembering characters and events in stories and looking at different types of books. We'll be practising writing our names and perfecting our pencil hold. Sound discrimination and sound play will be a large focus of Nursery phonics sessions.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their literacy skills:

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



Mathematical Development



We will be learning about number and shape this term. This includes counting, recognising numerals and matching numbers to amounts. We will be looking at familiar shapes, talking about their properties and using them to create patterns. Pointing out and discussing numerals and shapes at home (or out and about) is a really useful way of helping children to remember them.

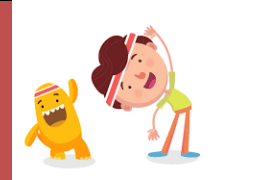
Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their maths skills:

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

www.topmarks.co.uk



Topics



Our topics for this term are 'People who help us', 'Healthy living' and 'Colour, light & sound'.

It would be beneficial to your child if you could explore these topics further with them. This may include going on a bus/train journey; talking about healthy foods, self-care including cleanliness, the importance of rest/sleep, how and why we keep our bodies fit; a trip to the Science Museum, etc. Please use any opportunity to ensure your child has rich learning experiences so that they can begin to make connections from their experience with the things they have been learning, such as: talking about the night sky and why we can see the stars but not during the day.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their science skills:

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

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/levels/z3g4d2p>

<http://www.resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/science>

<http://www.kidspot.com.au/kids-activities-and-games/science>



Cooking



The children will be taking part in cooking once a week. This is an excellent opportunity for the children to practise their motor skills and they all enjoy it! We ask for a contribution of £1.50 per half-term for the cost of ingredients. You can also pay on a half termly basis if it is more convenient. This term the contribution will be **£3.00**.

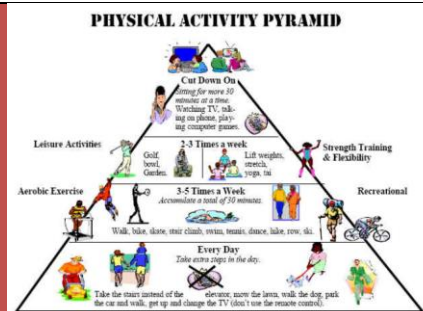


Outdoor learning

Outdoor learning is an important part of the Foundation Stage (Early Years). As the children may be outside for parts of the day, please ensure that they come to school with appropriate clothing, e.g. warm coat and wellies.



P.E.



We will be doing P.E. every week on **Monday**. Please send your child in wearing a suitable P.E kit on that day. We will be focusing on climbing, traveling, catching a large ball, running, negotiating space successfully.



General notices/requests

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/her to put on their coat unaided.

We encourage parent/carers to help children become more independent by saying goodbye at the door. This allows the children to develop more confidence and will help them with transition to reception.

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.

30 hour children times are: 8.45am-2.45pm

Now that we are all 'settled in', the Nursery door will be closed at 9.00am for the morning session and 12.45pm for the afternoon session so please be prompt with drop-offs and also pick-ups

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

Miss Enver, Miss Hanlon and Miss Reid