

# Nursery Summer Newsletter 2019

Welcome back to the summer term. We have another fun term ahead! We will be focusing on the following topics: 'Growing, mini-beasts and Safari animals'.

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 summer term with your children!



## Literacy



This term we will be focusing on story sequence and describing the steps for planting. We will also be looking at stories with repeated language as well as reading non-fiction books. We'll be continuing to practise writing our names and perfecting our pencil hold. We have begun learning letter sounds and words that begin with those sounds. Please support your child with hearing the initial sound in words, for example, what sound does the word 'sun' start with?

We invite you to join your child for 'Stay and Read' which is held every Friday at either 8.45am or 12.30pm, depending on which session your child attends the nursery. We now have a selection of dual language books so please feel free to read to your child in your home language. 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.

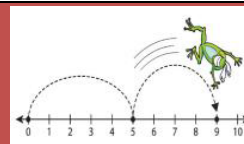
Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their literacy and phonics skills:

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

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk>



# Mathematical Development



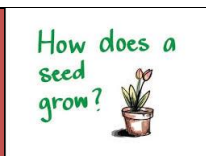
We will be continuing our learning with number and shape this term. This includes counting, recognising numerals and matching numbers to amounts. We will specifically be looking at number bonds 1-5 and deepening children's mathematical understanding of number, for example: different ways to make 5 (4 and 1; or 3 and 2).

We will be looking at and describing 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](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)



# Topics



**Our topics for this term are Growing, Mini-beasts and animals**

It would be beneficial to your child if you could explore these topics further with them. This may include visiting a zoo or garden centre. 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 how plants grow or what an animal looks like, where they live and what they might eat.

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 regularly. 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**.

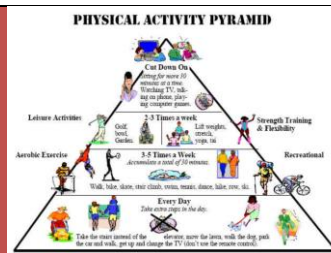


# Outdoor learning

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. a rainproof jacket, trainers with Velcro (not laces), sunhat, and sun cream applied before school.



## 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 throwing, catching and kicking skills and games.



## 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 and shoes 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

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

Miss Enver