

Nursery Autumn Newsletter 2017

A warm welcome to everyone, especially those who are starting school for the first time. We hope you have had a relaxing Summer break and are excited and energised to get stuck into Nursery!

We have a fun term ahead full of lots of exciting opportunities and experiences.

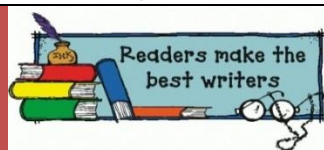
We encourage parents and carers to support children in their learning by talking about specific information related to each topic. This term we will be learning 'All about me'. We will specifically aim to develop the prime areas which are: Personal Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language and Physical Development.

We try to make teaching and learning relevant and fun. Our classroom culture is built on 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.

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 Enver, Mrs Shaikh and Miss Fle



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 'who, what, where, how and why' 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.

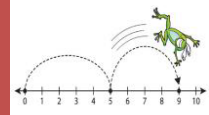
Writing

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



Recognising 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 'All about me'.

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: 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt; Little Red Riding Hood; Funny Bones; You Choose; I love my mummy/daddy'.



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.



P.E.



We will be doing P.E every Monday. This term we will be focusing on following instructions and moving in different ways. This term we will also be encouraging children to take off own jackets, jumpers, etc. and using the toilet independently. Please support us with this by giving your child the opportunity to do this for themselves daily.



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 their child at the door after saying goodbye, so that children start to become more independent