



Nursery Spring Newsletter 2020

Welcome back after a very busy and exciting Autumn term!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new families to Coppermill.

We have another fun term ahead full of lots of exciting activities, many of which are detailed below. We encourage parents and carers to support children in their learning by talking about specific information related to our topics this term: 'People who help us', 'Healthy Living' and topics of children's choice.

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 story sequence, characters and setting. 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 will be learning letter sounds and words that begin with those sounds. We will be exploring different writing genres such as: instructions, maps, labels and facts and poems.

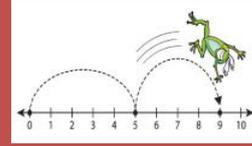
Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their literacy and phonics skills:

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

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



Mathematical Development



We will be continuing our learning of numbers and shape this term. This includes counting, recognising numerals and matching numbers to amounts. We will continue to explore the fives and tens frames and using this to help with recognising values up to either five or ten as well as solving simple number problems.

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.

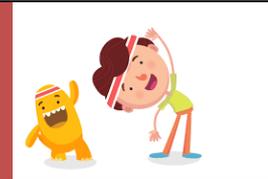
Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their maths skills:

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

www.topmarks.co.uk



Topics



Our topics for this term are 'People who help us' and 'Healthy living'

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**.

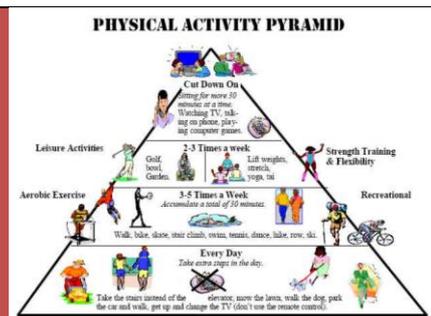


Outdoor learning

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

Clothing

We recommend that children come in wearing clothes they can put on and take off by themselves such as tracksuit bottoms/leggings, Velcro trainers, t-shirts etc.

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-3.30pm (Mon-Thurs) and 8.45am-11.45am on Fridays

Please be aware that we are currently in a process of settling in the new January nursery intake and we kindly ask all parents to support with this transition by waiting patiently at the door during arriving and leaving the nursery. Children's safety is our main priority.

Please keep the door entrance clear and refrain from calling your child while they wait as they will be instructed to stay seated until their name is called.

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

Miss Enver, Mrs Ali and Miss Standing