

Autumn Term 2023

Nursery Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome to all our new children and to our returning children. Thank you very much for encouraging the children to come into the Nursery independently. This is helping the children to settle well into the Nursery routines and to feel confident in their sessions.

Parent Partnership

If you have any immediate information to pass over for the day, please tell the staff at the gate or put a note in your child's Home /School diary. The Home/School diaries can be kept in your child's bookbag and will be checked daily. If you have any concerns or questions about your child, or their progress in the Nursery please speak to Mrs. Gibbons, Mrs. Leek or Mrs. Summers at the end of the session.

Tapestry

We will be using Tapestry as our online learning journal and, once the children are settled, we look forward to sharing some of your child's achievements, learning and fun in the Nursery. Once you have received your logins, we would love you to send us some of your child's 'wow' moments from home too. We will also be adopting system of recording children's self-initiated learning, concentrating on 5 children each week, and will post a screen shot of our observations also onto Tapestry. This will enable you to see the development your child makes in all areas every half term.

In the Moment Planning and Themes

We are using a 'Planning in the Moment' approach in the Nursery throughout the term, to reflect the children's interests. Children's ideas are responded to by the staff and are developed throughout the sessions. We also have some planned themes, as an additional point for investigation and learning. This includes: Sunflowers and Colours, Our Garden (through outdoor learning), Remembrance, Black History Month, Harvest, Diwali, Autumn Changes, Outer Space and Christmas.

Nursery Curriculum

There are different activities each day in the Nursery. To enable your child to access the full curriculum and not to miss any of the themes or observations and assessments it would be preferable that they attend Nursery for each of their

chosen sessions. As our attendance registers are set at the beginning of term, we are unable to swap days around for specific activity days.

Phonics and Sound of the Week

We will be investigating all aspects of Phase One phonics in the Nursery, this includes; Environmental Sound Discrimination, Instrumental Sound Discrimination, Body Percussion, Sound Discrimination, Rhythm and Rhyme, Alliteration, Voice Sounds and Oral Blending and Segmenting. We have a 'Sound of the Week' table, with items beginning with initial sounds, and your child will be able to choose an item to share at Circle Time. The letter sounds for this term are:

Wb 25.09.23	s	Wb 30.10.2023	i	Wb 27.11.2023	g
Wb 2.10.2023	a	Wb 6.11.2023	n	Wb 4.12.2023	o
Wb 9.10.2023	t	Wb 13.11.2023	m	Wb.11.12.2023	c
Wb 16.10.2023	p	Wb 20.11.2023	d	Wb.18.12.2023	k
Half Term-23 rd – 27 th October			Last Day of Term-20 th December		

Cooking money

We aim to cook food each week that is linked to the 'sound of the week'! We cook on a Wednesday and the children will be split into two groups; your child will cook fortnightly but bring cooking home each week. (We are being extra conscious of cooking hygiene)

We are part of the School Fruit and Vegetable scheme and children receive either a piece of fruit or vegetable at snack time. The children have a morning and afternoon snack during the sessions. We are rearranging the way that we ask for a small half-termly donation for the cooking ingredients and we will send more information in an email from the front office soon.

Please could your child bring their book bag to school every day and could your child also have a named apron in school. Please ensure all uniform (including PE clothes) is named.

Could the children please all have a bookbag and a PE bag if they attend on PE days. Your child will not need a rucksack as we keep spare clothes in their PE bags, or a small bag on their peg. Thank you.

Monday- Library book change

Your child will choose a Library book from our book box, this will be kept in a zip wallet. Please share and enjoy these books and ensure that your child brings their book to Nursery on this day. The children's library books will be put into their book bags. We would like to request that special toys are left at home and that the children only have one small keyring on their book bags, so that book bags can fit into the book box.

Wednesday - Cooking -the day may change at times, according to other activities.

Thursday – Forest Schools- We will be spending some of the afternoon session at our 'Forest Schools' site on our school field, where the children will be able to explore a range of outdoor activities.

Friday– We have a PE session in the Hall on a Wednesday afternoon and a Friday morning.

Thank you for all your support.

Mrs. S Gibbons - Nursery Teacher

Mrs. Leek and Mrs. Summers - Early Years Learning Support

