

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



Nursery

Autumn Term 1

2017

Welcome

The Nursery team warmly welcomes all new and returning parents and children at the start of a new school year.

Home Visits

At the beginning of term we were busy visiting children who are new to Nursery. We were very pleased to find parents and children very welcoming and appreciative of these visits, which are a very valuable part of the induction process.

Curriculum

Our main aim during this first half term is to settle all the children into Nursery and to ensure that they feel happy, safe and secure. We will be working hard to develop positive relationships, establish routines and to make sure that the children understand the high behaviour expectations of them. We will also be promoting positive friendships among the children. The children will be learning about belonging to their group and sharing experiences with their peers and adults.

Our overall theme this half term is 'Wonderful Me' but we will also be finding out about the children's interests and using these to develop learning opportunities.

All children will have a wide range of learning experiences within the seven areas of learning: Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language, Physical Development, Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive arts and design. We will also be exploring Religious Education through our first theme of 'Myself'.

Outdoor Learning

As part of the Early Years Curriculum, Foundation children are expected to do some of their learning outside. Your child will be given the chance to be outside during part of every day, whatever the weather! Thank you to all those parents who have provided a pair of named wellies for their child to wear outdoors.

Activities to help your child at home

- Practise some self-help skills; encouraging your child to use the toilet independently, recognise their coat and shoes, put on and take off their shoes and coats etc,
- Talk to your child about the activities they have been doing at Nursery.
- Read lots of books with your child. Discuss the pictures with them and talk about what is happening.
- Practise counting objects with your child by touching them as you say the number names. Count socks, spoons, carrots, stairs, cars - anything!
- Talk to your child when you are outdoors - look at the changing trees and other signs of the different seasons.
- Sing songs together. We are building a collection of words to songs we sing in Nursery; if you would like a copy of any songs, please ask.

Collecting Children

Please ensure that you collect your child promptly, so that the staff can prepare the Nursery for the next session. If you do experience a delay, please telephone the school office on **01908 606966** to let us know.

Finally, the whole team values the philosophy of working closely in partnership with parents. If you have any worries, concerns or celebrations of your child's achievements, please do not hesitate to share these with us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Cathcart, Mrs Tholen and the Nursery Team.