



Nursery Newsletter for Term 4

Dear Parents,
 We hope you had an enjoyable half term break.
 The nursery staff spent our INSET day organizing the nursery garden, arranging and creating various areas in order for the children to experience quality play experiences outside. The mud kitchen has been revamped and is proving popular so if the children come home muddy they have been busy learning!
 We enjoyed Shrove Tuesday activities and Book Day events last week too.

Availability

I am available Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays if you need a quick word or have a query. If you would like an appointment to see me to discuss something in-depth, I will be available on a Monday or a Friday after school. If these days are not suitable, I will try to see you at a more convenient time.
 Messages on Class dojo to arrange a meeting or inform us of an absence are welcome.

Term dates

Term 4—Monday 25th February until Friday 5th April.
Term 5—Tuesday 23rd April until Friday 24th May

Parents Evening

We will inform you of the next parent consultation date as soon as it is confirmed.

Curriculum

Topics:

Term 4- People Who Help Us and books

In term 4 to celebrate World Book Day, we will read a variety of books including fairy tales and traditional tales, non fiction and modern classics. On Tuesday 19th March we will be visiting W.H. Smiths' in Ramsgate to spend our World Book Day vouchers and visiting the Post Office to see what happens there. Mothers' Day and Easter activities are also planned for this term.

We will be having visits from a variety of community helpers this term,

including firefighters and nurses. If you would like to visit us to discuss your role, please speak with a member of the nursery staff, thank you.

We promote learning through child initiated time, group and individual activities. Other areas we will be working on in term 4 include : forming and maintaining good relationships with peers and familiar adults. Speaking and listening, explaining their own thinking and listening to others' ideas. Being able to follow simple instructions eg "Please get the playdough."

With school approaching we need to be working on increasing independence

with toileting and getting dressed including putting on and removing coats and shoes/boots. Gross and fine motor skills which improve running, climbing and mark making.

We will also continue with fostering an interest in reading and books. We are currently creating an ongoing display of 'Environmental Print' including easily recognisable logos and symbols as a step towards reading, as well as teaching individual letter sounds through songs, activities and games. We are working on activities which will help the children to recognize and, eventually, write their own names.

In nursery we are working on numbers from 0 to 10, this includes counting, recognizing

Notice Board

Please check the Notice board regularly for information regarding what the children have been learning or about upcoming events.

Outdoor Clothes

Please ensure your child has warm, NAMED clothing appropriate for the weather. We endeavor to play outside on a daily basis. Wellington boots are required and mittens are easier for little hands to put on rather than gloves. Thank you

Toys

We have had a number of toys being brought into nursery which sometimes causes upset if they are lost or broken. Please encourage your children to leave their toys at home unless we inform you that we are doing Show and Tell.

Home Support

*Encourage your child to become more independent with getting dressed especially removing and putting on coats, shoes and boots. Zipping up their coats themselves is to be encouraged, even if

it does take a little longer than when you do it for them!
 *Read stories together, discuss how the characters may be feeling, how the story might end etc.
 *Point out letters and

words when you are out and about eg names of shops, items of food in shops and at home, posters and number plates.
 *Make a game of finding numbers in the environment-on buses, front doors, in magazines etc.
 *Play simple turn taking games

Tapestry

We update Tapestry regularly so please check to see what we have been up to so that you can discuss your child's activities with them.