

NURSERY

Spring Curriculum Letter



Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope that 2018 will bring all of you good health and happiness! The nursery team would also like to say a BIG thank you for all the Christmas cards, gifts and wishes we received – we loved them all 😊

Below is some information about our curriculum learning this half term...

Spring Term (1st Half)

Our topic for the first half of the spring term is 'Food!' We will be learning about different types of foods and how a balanced diet is essential for health and growth. We will make a variety of different food dishes and we will learn about foods typical of different countries and cultures.



We will read a range of engaging stories relating to food such as 'The Runaway Dinner' and 'Ketchup on your Cornflakes!' We aim to extend the children's attention, listening and comprehension skills by encouraging them to actively engage with stories (copying actions and repeating new words) and checking that they can answer questions about what has been read.

We will be developing children's mark-making and writing skills, focusing on correct pencil grip, controlled movements of the pencil when copying/tracing patterns and correct orientation of letters, particularly those in the children's names.

We will be focusing on accurate counting of sets of objects ranging from 0-20, matching amounts to the correct spoken and written numeral. We will practise counting forwards from 0-20 and backwards from 20-0 or from any given number, e.g. 15-0. We will re-order jumbled numbers to help the children understand numerical order. We will also focus on creating mathematical patterns, e.g. 2 part repeating patterns such as chicken, broccoli, chicken, broccoli and later extending the children to 3 and 4 part repeating patterns.



In RE, we will learn about special people such as friends, family, police, fire-fighters, priests, God and Jesus. We will also learn about the celebration of church on Sundays.

Morning Routines

Please ensure you arrive in time for the start of the nursery day, which is officially 8:55am, although doors are opened from 8:40am. We will be closing the doors promptly at 8:55am and would appreciate all the children being in the nursery and settled at this time. If you are late, a member of the admin. team at the front school reception desk will take your child to enter the nursery – parents will not be permitted.

Story Sacks

Thank you for your support with regard to our story sacks- we hope you have enjoyed using them with your child at home. Story sacks will be given to children on Tuesdays and you can keep them all week - please return them, with all the contents checked and present, the following Monday.

Reminders...

Please continue to read with your child every evening, 10 minutes is recommended, as is turning off the TV during this time! Encourage your child to hold the book and to tell the story using the pictures as cues – it is amazing the story language they can use given the opportunity.



Please ensure all items of nursery clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name, including their water bottle and book bag.

Please ensure all absences are submitted in writing for our official records, with the reasons for your child's absence clearly explained.

A huge thank you for all your support with the children's homework. They all really enjoy sharing their completed tasks with us and their nursery friends. We really appreciate the time you take to complete this with your child and we can see the benefits to your children – well done!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at the end of the school day or by appointment through the school office.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Subebe and Mrs Lawson
Nursery class teachers