

# NURSERY

## Curriculum Update



Dear Parents / Carers,

We have now started our second half-term! The children are all very settled in the nursery and enjoy their regular visits to the BIG school for lunch, indoor PE, computing lessons, as well as to attend their outdoors sports sessions with Mr Dines (our school coach).

Below is some information about what we have been learning in the nursery so far and what you can expect this half-term...

### **What we have learned so far...**

#### Daily Prayers

We have been saying our daily prayers and you now have a copy of these for you to keep at home. Please help your child in learning the words of the prayers and in making the sign of the cross.



#### Curriculum

Our topic last half-term was 'Nursery Rhymes and Fairy Tales' and we have read lots of books relating to this topic. Some of our favourites are 'The Gingerbread Man', 'The Little Red Hen', 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff', 'The Three Little Pigs', 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'The Magic Porridge Pot'.



The children have very much enjoyed learning different songs and nursery rhymes - you may have heard them singing some at home! Our favourite songs are 'The Animal Fair', 'Wheels on the Bus', 'Five Little Monkeys', 'Five Little Speckled Frogs', 'Horsie Horsie', and many, many more. Please have a look at the following website for some interactive songs and rhymes we use in the nursery: <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=139>

We have enjoyed making our own collages and paintings, playing and pretending in our home corner, looking around the big school for different shapes and colours, and decorating our gingerbread men with lots of tasty toppings! Haven't we learned a lot? That's without mentioning our learning linked to our outdoor games, crafts activities and routines - we are much better at answering the register, using our friends' names, walking in a line and tidying away!

### **This half-term...**

Our topic is 'Toys'. We will be reading stories about toys, exploring different types of toys, counting toys and of course playing in our very own toy shop.

#### Self-registration

We will begin 'self-registration' so when you bring your child to school, you will see his/her name card on the alphabet mat as you enter the nursery doors. Please assist your child in finding his/her name card and placing it on the blue display board directly above the alphabet mat. This is an important process in helping your child recognise his/her name. Please be mindful of clearing the doorway once your child has placed his/her name card on the display board – thank you ☺

#### Homework

We will be introducing homework for the nursery children this half-term – yes homework! The children will receive a homework book with a short task detailed in it,



for them to complete, fortnightly. We will endeavour to keep the tasks short and practical in their nature, which is in keeping with the learning approach fostered in the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Example tasks may include: playing a game of snap, reciting a number rhyme, finding a photo of a special time spent with the family and practising talking about it. We may also include personalised targets for your child to help their all-round development, e.g. climbing stairs using alternate feet.

### Story Sacks

We will also be sending home story sacks – these are sent home on a rotation basis. You and your child will receive a story sack on a Tuesday and it is to be returned the following Monday. These are to be enjoyed together - have fun reading the book together and playing the associated games and activities. There are details inside the story sack which will give you guidance. Please ensure that you keep the sack and its contents safe.

### **Reminders...**

Please ensure all items of nursery clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name, including their water bottle, book bag, coat and hat. Also, please ensure your child brings their book bag and water bottle in every day.

Thank you for your support with the children's reading. We will continue to send home a story book, of the children's choice, twice a week (usually changed on Tuesdays and Thursdays).

Please continue to encourage your child to use a knife and fork during meal times.

The nursery doors will close promptly at 8:55am signifying the official start of the day, in line with the rest of the school. Please do ensure you are on time – thank you 😊

If your child is absent from nursery, please notify the school office on the day of the absence and ensure you put the reason in writing for our office records.

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

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Lawson and Miss Anderson  
Nursery Class teachers