

NURSERY

Spring Term Curriculum Letter



Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope that 2019 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 and generous gifts we received - we loved them all ☺

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

Spring Term (1st Half)

Our topic for the first half of the spring term is '**BIG BEASTS!**' Yes that's right - we will be learning about fantasy beasts such as monsters and dragons as well as real beasts that roamed our earth millions of years ago - dinosaurs!



We will read a range of engaging stories such as 'Not Now Bernard' by David McKee, 'Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs' by Ian Whybrow and Adrian Reynolds, 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson as well as information texts to learn facts about dinosaurs!

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.

In RE, we will learn about the importance of books which includes looking at the Bible and understanding it is God's holy book. We will then be learning about Memories and who we remember at Church on Sunday and how this memory is recalled through the celebration of mass.

Spring Term (2nd Half)

Our topic for the second half of this term is 'Rainbows and Rhythm' We will be learning all about colour, light and sound.



Example activities will include...

- Designing and making a fruit salad using three fruits of the same colour
- Making our own musical instruments to use in our music lessons with Mr Dixon on Wednesdays (choosing suitable materials to use to make our instruments from the range available)
- Exploring colour, light and shadow using torches, crystals and kaleidoscopes
- Mixing different primary colour paints to create secondary colours, e.g. blue + yellow = green

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 our admin. staff at the front school reception desk will take your child to 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 explained in writing for our school records with the reasons for your child's absence.

A huge thank you for all your support with your child's homework. They all really enjoy sharing their completed tasks with us and their nursery friends. We appreciate the time you take to complete this with your child and we can really see the benefits - 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 Lawson and Miss Anderson
Nursery class teachers