

# NURSERY

## Curriculum Letter



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) and our music sessions with Mr Dixon (our music teacher).

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

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

#### Daily Prayers

We have been saying our daily prayers; please find a copy in your child's homework folder 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 this half-term has been 'All About Me' and we have read lots of books about ourselves and families. We have learned about our body parts (we have particularly enjoyed singing and dancing to 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes!') and we have been using our five senses to go on listening walks and number hunts around the big school and use smelling pots and feely bags. As well as tasting lots of yummy fruit!

The children have very much enjoyed learning different songs and nursery rhymes - you may have heard some of these being sung at home! Our favourite songs are 'Twinkle Twinkle', 'Wheels on the Bus', 'Five Little Monkeys' and many, many more. Please have a look at the following website for some interactive songs and rhymes that we use in the nursery-

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=139>

We have enjoyed making our own collages and paintings, role playing in our home corner, baking our own cupcakes for teddy bear's birthday party! Haven't we learned a lot! And 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 workshop.

### Self-registration

We will begin 'self-registration' this half-term. When your child comes into to the nursery, you will see his/her name card on the alphabet mat as you enter the nursery doors. They will be asked to find their own name and post it into the box. This is an important process in helping your child recognise his/her name.

### Homework

We will be introducing homework for the nursery children after half-term - yes homework! The children will receive a homework book with a short task detailed in it, for them to complete, fortnightly. The homework will be set on a Friday and should be returned on Tuesdays. 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. Some tasks may need recording in their homework folder or pictures/videos uploaded to Evidence Me.

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.

### 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 a filled water bottle to school every day.

Thank you for your support with your child's reading. We will continue to send home a story book, of your child's choice, twice a week. Books are 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. Please do ensure you are on time - thank you ☺

Yours sincerely,

Miss Sycamore

Nursery Class Teacher