

Nursery Curriculum Newsletter

Summer 1



Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you had a relaxed and blessed Easter break, we have another exciting half term planned in Nursery!

Communication, Language and Literacy

This half term we will be reading books aligned with our new topics each week as usual, but also encourage the children to develop their opinions about books through looking at and reading a wider range of books more independently and in small groups. Thank you to the parents commenting in reading journals, I know many children already have 'favourite' books and we will be helping extend this by trying to look for books that are similar and talking about what is the same! This will help develop their spoken language as well as linking to PSED and their development of their own ideas.

In mark making we are continuing our work on letter formation but also on fine motor skills and making smaller movement, as you can see from the new name writing format in the mornings.

Mathematics

This half term, we are consolidating our number knowledge and extending our understanding of picture representations of numbers, as well as number composition. For example, by looking at five spots on a ladybird and arranging them as three and two, four and one, five and zero. This will help deepen your child's understanding of number prior to moving to Reception. We will also be looking at reflections and starting to talk about symmetry as part of our 'Shadows and Reflections' topic, and continuing this when we find symmetry in nature during our 'Sunshine and Sunflowers' topic, for example in butterflies' wings.

Mini project: Shadows and Reflections

Our mini project, which we will be learning about first, looks at light and how we can see ourselves in objects such as mirrors, glass, water and also our shadows. We will

play with mirrors and other reflective objects, as well as talking about what type of objects we can and cannot see ourselves in. We will learn about why we have shadows and play with light to see if we can change them.

Main project: Sunshine and Sunflowers

In this topic we will be learning about nature and living things. We will be growing plants, exploring animal habitats and talking about the changes we see in the natural world as the days become sunnier and warmer. Our topic will start with a trip to Southwark park where we will be trying to use different senses to make observations about all the plants and creatures that live there. We will talk about how important the sun is for all of these changes but also talk about the dangers linked to the sun and how we can stay safe when out in the sun, particularly as we move into summer.

RE

In RE, our new topic is called 'Good News' – we will be following on from our learning about the Easter story and our celebration of Jesus' resurrection to talk about how we feel when we have good news. We will learn about Pentecost and how the disciples began to share their good news, as well as how that sharing news is continued in the work of the church today.

Other information

Homework will continue be set every fortnight and checked on Thursdays, linked to your child's learning in school.

As we move into warmer weather in Nursery you can choose to wear shorts/summer dresses or continue to wear the school tracksuit. Please continue to name all items, particularly water bottles, as we will be encouraging the children to drink more frequently when we stay longer outdoors.

If you have any enquiries or concerns, please contact the school office with a message and I will get back to you.

Many Thanks for your continued support,

Miss Slattery and the Nursery Team