



# Nursery Newsletter

## Autumn 2019



### Welcome to Nursery

A very warm welcome from all of the Nursery team! To those of you that have returned to us after the summer break, welcome back; to our new families, a big 'Thank You' for supporting your child with their settling in period, we are very pleased at how well they are all settling into the Nursery routine., getting to know each other and settling into the new school year. They are already learning lots of new skills and becoming motivated and independent learners, which ties in with our school vision and values. If at any time you have questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and speak to a member of the Nursery team either at the end of the session once all the children have been dismissed or arrange another time to meet with us.

### Maths

A daily maths session will enable your child to learn and consolidate mathematical concepts such as days of the week, 1:1 correspondence and shape recognition. Counting will be a major focus for the year; we will use rhymes and songs to help with this, such as '2 Little Dickie Birds', and '1, 2, 3, 4, 5; once I caught a fish alive!' We will be working with the children on being able to count reliably and recognise numbers 1-5 in concrete, pictorial and abstract forms. *For example, we want children to be able to count 2 bears, pick out a picture of 2 bears and recognise the number 2 in its written form.*

Please look at our maths board in the cloakroom area to see what we are currently doing in maths and find ideas about how you can support your child at home.

**Look out for upcoming dates for our Maths Parent Workshop!**

### Learning Journals

You will soon receive a link via your email address to set a password for 'Learning Book', the online learning journal format that the school uses. This is a great platform to see what your child has been exploring and learning whilst in nursery. These will take the form of observations recorded by members of the nursery team.

**Workshop coming soon!!**

### Library and Rhyme folders

Every Friday, your child will have the opportunity to borrow a library book. Also a new rhyme or story will be added to your child's 'Read and Rhyme folder'. Please spend some time sharing these together.

### English

We teach English sessions through 'Talk for Writing' which encourages writing/ storytelling skills by rehearsing learnt texts orally with actions. The repetitive nature of this develops your child's vocabulary and confidence. All our Talk for Writing texts are based around nursery rhymes and the EYFS recommended reading list.

Over the next few weeks we will be learning the nursery rhyme 'Incy Wincy Spider' and 'Where's Spot?'

Your child will develop their writing skills through mark making for a purpose and begin to recognise and write their own names. Please look at our Talk for Writing board in the cloakroom area to see what we are currently doing and find ideas about how you can support your child at home.

**Look out for upcoming dates for our Talk for Writing Parent Workshop!**

# A few helpful reminders

## Gates/Nursery timings

Just a reminder about where and when to drop off and collect your child for their nursery session:

### Morning Nursery

Please come in via the Reception playground and **wait at** the nursery blue gates for a member staff to open between 8:45 and 9:00. For pick up, please come to the black gate, which is on the Church Lane entrance by the staff car park. A member of staff will open the gate at 11:30. Please ensure you have left the playground by 11:45, as this is the time we will shut the gate and set up for the afternoon session.

### Afternoon Nursery

Please come in through the black gate, which is on the Church Lane entrance by the staff car park. This gate will open at 12:30 and close at 12:45. For pick up, please come in via the Reception playground and head to the blue gate to enter the nursery playground. The gate will open at 3:15 and we ask that all children are picked up by 3.30 at the latest. A gentle reminder—parents are not allowed to use the staff car park when dropping off and picking up their children. Instead, parents can use the school car park located on Church Lane.

## Birthdays

As a healthy school we discourage children handing out sweets and cakes on their birthday. However, if you do wish to bring in healthy alternatives or a token gift such as a book for the book corner, please feel free to do so. On your child's birthday they can wear their own choice of clothes, but please ensure footwear is sensible for a physically active day.

## Book Bag for exciting things!

Your child will bring home their first library book (with a reading diary) for you to enjoy sharing together. They will also bring home a Reading and Rhyme folder which we will be adding to regularly. Please note, if your child does not have a school book bag, they will not be able to take a library book or their Reading and Rhyme folder home. Book bags can be purchased via the school office for £3.90—please take the exact amount. You should encourage your child to become responsible for putting their book bag into their group box, as part of their daily routine.

## Uniform

Please support the school by ensuring your child is in the correct uniform

- Grey trousers, skirt or dress.
  - Yellow t-shirt
  - Blue Jumper
- Black shoes—NO trainers
  - Black leggings/tights
  - White socks

Please ensure you label **all** clothing, particularly cardigans and jumpers.

If your child does need to change into any of the school's spare clothes, please wash and return these as soon as possible. Donations to our collection of spare uniform or clean underwear are always welcome!

## What does my child need in Nursery?

- Spare clothes in a named backpack containing pants, socks, trousers, t-shirt and jumper.
- Wellington Boots: children must have wellies to fully access outside.
- Weather appropriate clothing: waterproof coats, hat, gloves, scarf, etc.
- A water bottle—no squash please!
- A named book bag.

Please ensure **everything** sent in is clearly labelled.

## Food in Nursery

Milk and fruit is provided by the school and children can help themselves to it if they wish.

Due to many children having food allergies, we insist that your child has finished **all** food before entering the nursery environment and that **no food is bought** in without first speaking to a member of the Nursery team.

As you can appreciate allergies and reactions can be extremely dangerous.