



# Nursery Newsletter

## Spring Term 2



Here is a summary of what and how your child will be learning this half term:

The routine of the nursery sessions cover all seven areas of learning included in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). The children participate in independent, self-chosen activities which are planned for and purposeful. Our pre-school children take part in a range of small group adult-led activities each week; of course the younger children can choose to join in too if they wish! We have a song time, snack time and story time each session.

### **Personal, Social & Emotional Development (PSED)**

The children will be encouraged to interact with a range of children as they learn through their play. All children will be encouraged to develop their friendships with others.

### **Communication & Language (CL)**

The children will spend time exploring rhyme and will be encouraged to make up silly / nonsense rhymes.

### **Physical Development (PD)**

Children will be encouraged to develop their fine and gross motor skills through using a range of tools and equipment. The children will visit the school hall to explore the equipment there too. We will develop our pencil control and will practise throwing and bouncing a ball.

### **Literacy**

The children will be encouraged to answer questions about stories they have heard and to talk about stories they enjoy. On World Book Day- 5<sup>th</sup> March- the children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character and bring their favourite book to school.

### **Maths**

Children will be encouraged to develop an understanding of numbers. They will have opportunities to sort objects into groups and count.

### **Understanding the World (UW)**

Our theme this half-term is Exploring My World. The children will learn about colours, light and dark, plants, minibeasts, pets and farm animals. Children will also spend time thinking about special occasions and days including Mother's Day and Easter.

### **Expressive Arts & Design (EAD)**

The children will explore a range of art materials and techniques. They will also learn and sing lots of songs!

### **Phonics**

The children participate in activities from Phase One of the Letters and Sounds documents produced by the Government. This half-term the focus will be rhythm and rhyme.



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### **Dummies and Bottles**

We know that dummies and bottles with teats often soothe and settle young children however we ask that children do not bring dummies or bottles with teats into Nursery, especially our pre-school children. Extensive use of a dummy or teat can lead to passive children who only settle with this in their mouths. There can be negative effects to using a dummy or bottles with teats past the recommended age of 12-18 months:

- Teeth can be pushed out of place which can lead to the development of a lisp.
- Children tend to breathe through their mouth rather than their nose which can lead to excessive dribbling.
- You may find your child does not want to communicate, instead preferring the comfort of a dummy.
- With the mouth blocked children can find it harder to communicate with parents, peers and other adults.
- If children drink juice or squash out of a bottle with a teat it can cause damage to their teeth.

There are lots of ideas on how to encourage your child to stop using their dummy / bottle on various online forums.

### **Toys**

Please do not allow your children to bring in toys from home.

### **Nappies & Toilet Training**

If your child is in nappies we ask that you provide plenty of nappies, wipes and nappy bags in your child's bag each day. If you are starting the process of toilet training please speak to your child's key worker to ensure we are working together on this.

### **General Notes and Reminders**

If you would like to see a copy of the Nursery contract which you signed when your child started Nursery please speak to a member of staff.

As you are aware we offer the option of dropping your child to nursery at 8.45. If you bring your child into nursery any time between 8.45 and 9.00 and leave them you will be charged £1 for this. This charge is added to the next month's invoice i.e. sessions used in September will be charged in October. The same applies for the end of the day; if you arrive after 3.00 to collect your child you will be charged £1.

Don't forget your child has a key worker within Nursery and they should be your first point of contact to talk about any concerns or issues about your child. You can also ask your child's key worker to see their learning journey whenever you would like.

If you have any questions please speak with any of us.

**Thank you!**

**Mrs Sage & the Nursery team**