






Nursery Newsletter Autumn 2017

We hope you all had a lovely summer and are pleased to welcome you to the autumn term 2017. If we can assist you in any way please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff. During this term the children will be working on the topics of 'Houses and Homes' in the first half and in the second half we will be celebrating 'Autumn Festivals' such as Diwali and Bonfire Night, along with Christmas. Below is a brief description of what the children will be learning in the seven areas of the Foundation Stage curriculum. Please look out for notices in the windows and book bags for requests linked to the topics from time to time.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Communication, Language and Literacy	Mathematics
<p>The focus is on the children settling. We will be concentrating on getting to know the routine. We will work on how we can start making new friends, sharing and caring for others and expressing ourselves appropriately.</p> 	<p>The children will be developing the skills of speaking, listening and writing through stories and rhymes linked to the topic. They will also be learning the beginning sounds of their name and looking at environmental words. In daily phonic lessons the children will be introduced to many different sounds within their environment.</p>	<p>Maths will include practical tasks and number rhymes will be used to consolidate counting and introduce children to numeral names. The children will learn about shape and begin to sort objects by shape and colour. Problem solving will form a large part of our maths work.</p>
Understanding of the World	Expressive Arts and Design	Physical Development
<p>Understanding of the World includes science, history, geography, ICT and R.E. activities. Through our topics the children will learn about human and animal families. In the second half they will also find out Diwali and Christmas.</p> 	<p>Much of our art will be topic based. The children will be use a variety of media and explore different techniques. Activities will include painting a picture of their family, focusing on choosing the correct colours. They will sing songs across the curriculum and begin to use instruments to create long and short sounds. They will also develop their imagination play through role play.</p>	<p>The children's physical development is encouraged through daily fine motor activities such as threading and writing and also in the outside environment using equipment such as balls and bikes. In P.E lessons we are focusing on the use of space: moving our bodies in different ways and starting and stopping on command.</p> 

Book Changing	Wow Moments	Learning Journals
<p>The children will continue to share a book with nursery staff on a Wednesday. Please have a book bag in school on this day.</p> <p>If your child would like to change their book on any other day, please feel free to do this with your child at the end of a session.</p>	<p>We would also like to celebrate your child's achievements and progress in their learning. Please write it on a slip of paper and then we can add it to their learning journal.</p>	<p>In the nursery the children are observed and assessed on their progress and the information gathered enables the staff to plan for their future development. We invite you, the parent/carers to contribute to these journals by giving us information about your children and any achievements they have made.</p>
Literacy Workshop	Outdoor Clothes	P.E. Kits
<p>I will be running a 'Making it Real' workshop which is all about raising and supporting your children with early reading and writing.</p> <p>Keep your eyes peeled for the date.</p>	<p>Please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat with a hood and a pair of wellington boots, so that they are able to access the outdoor curriculum.</p> <div data-bbox="635 1041 849 1236" data-label="Image"> </div>	<p>Our P.E. day is FRIDAY and for P.E. the children will only need shorts. (If girls are wearing dresses please make sure they have a t-shirt. Please put their P.E. bag into the correct box, which is labelled in the classroom.</p> <p>PLEASE ENSURE ALL CLOTHES, COATS, SHOES AND BAGS ARE CLEARLY NAMED!</p>
Parent Partnership		
<p>We always welcome your input, views and ideas and value all questions, so whatever it is you want to come and talk about with us we will always do our best to make ourselves available before and after school.</p> <p>We also would appreciate your help within the class. If you have a secret talent or love of something, whether gardening or cooking, sewing or painting we would like to know!</p>		



Starting school is an exciting experience, although some children take time to adjust to the change in their routine and will inevitably find the first few weeks exhausting! I am sure that the children will have a very positive experience and we are really looking forward to working with you and your children during the course of the year.

Mrs Flack