








Nursery Newsletter Summer 2017

I cannot believe we are in the final term of this year. Following on from the interests of life cycles and Easter, we will be looking at the life cycle of a chicken. In the second half we will learn about the seaside. We will also be incorporating the visit to Willows Farm. Below is a brief description of what the children will be learning in the six 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	Maths
<p>The focus will be on working together and developing our learning through negotiation and sharing of ideas. We will also be thinking about changes and making the transition to reception. Children will continue to develop their independence and confidence in preparation for reception. Our values for the term are Hope, Honesty, Trust and Tolerance.</p>	<p>The children will be developing the skills of speaking, listening and writing through our topic on chickens and the seaside. In daily phonic lessons the children will be working on initial and end sounds of words. We will also introduce the children to segmenting and blending of simple words.</p> 	<p>Maths work will include practical tasks and number rhymes to consolidate counting and introduce children to numeral names. The children will learn about groupings of size, number and symmetry linked to our topic. 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. In the first half of the term, children will learn about the life cycle of a chicken. We will then learn about summer and the seaside. They will be observing their local environment looking for new growth of plants, with a visit to the sensory garden as well. We will also be planting vegetables.</p>	<p>Much of our art work will also be topic based. The children will be working with a variety of media and exploring different techniques. The children will be encouraged to take part in many different creative and imaginative play activities, such as drama and role play scenarios. They will sing songs across the curriculum and use instruments.</p>	<p>The children's physical development is encouraged through daily fine motor activities such as 'busy fingers', 'dough disco' and writing. In the outside environment we will be using equipment such as balls and bikes. In P.E lessons we will be focusing on working as a team and team games as well as getting ready for sports day.</p> 

Book Changing	Wow Moments	Class Assembly
<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. 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 like to celebrate your child's achievements and progress in their learning at home. Please write it on a slip of paper and then we can add it to their learning journal.</p>	<p>You are invited to come along and learn about all the things we have been doing this year. Our class assembly is on Friday 26th May at 11 am.</p> 
Trip Information	Outdoor Clothes	P.E. Kits
<p>Our summer trip this year will take place on Tuesday 4th July. We will be visiting Willows Farm. It will be an all day trip and the children will need to bring a packed lunch.</p> 	<p>Please remember to put sun cream on your children before coming to nursery. Please also make sure that your children are wearing suitable footwear and not open-toed sandals or crocs as these can be unsafe.</p> 	<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 any question you may have is important, 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>		

I cannot believe how quickly this academic year has flown by. I hope you can see just how much your children have grown in confidence and how well they are all settled and enjoying 'nursery life' to the full. I will be working with Mrs Mandel to enable the transition from nursery to run smoothly for all the children that are moving to reception this September.

Many thanks for all your support during the past year.

Mrs Flack