

# Nursery Newsletter

## Autumn 2018

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Dear Parents,

We hope you find this newsletter informative as to what is going on in nursery this term. We have had a very busy few weeks as we have had lots of new children starting nursery. We would like to welcome all our new children and their families. All our new children have settled very well, we are sure this is thanks to our older children who have been so good at helping them to settle.

It is our aim to work closely with parents in all that we do in Nursery. We do encourage and value your input into your child's education and profile, you will receive more information on this on parent's night. As part of gathering evidence for the children's profiles we have introduced a 'Proud Cloud' system. We will put 'Proud Clouds' into your child's reading book bag next week. We would encourage you to write proud moments that you share with your child on these e.g. when they learn to do something for the first time, or when they say or do something that makes you proud. Please date the clouds, write your comment and send them back to Nursery so we can add them to your child's learning journey books that we keep in nursery.

We teach our Early Years curriculum through topics, our topics this term are "Myself" and "Journeys". We try to capture the interests of all our children through these topics.

**Clothes** - Please can you ensure that your child always brings a coat to nursery even in the summer months as the weather can quickly change and we do spend lots of time outdoors. Please can you ensure that you label all your child's PE clothes even the shoes as this saves a lot of time and upset when getting changed for PE when looking for lost clothes.

**Library Books** - All children choose a library book on a Friday. Please could you share this book with your child and return it the next Friday so that they can choose a new one.

**SPLATT Bags** - All N2 children (the children who will be starting school next September) will be given a SPLATT bag after half term. You will be given more information on this in the next few weeks.

**Safety** – Please do not let your child play on the outdoor equipment while waiting to come into nursery as we are not insured if a member of staff is not there. This is for the safety of all adults and children. Also, please can we ask PM nursery parents/carers not to call older siblings over when coming into nursery. For safety reasons Y1 and Y2 are asked not to go near the path when the gate is open. So please could you just wave to older siblings. Thank you for helping us to keep our children safe.

**Water Bottles** - Nursery children do not need to bring water bottles as water is available at all times as well as milk at snack time.

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

This term in this area of learning we will be working on forming good relationships with peers and adults. The children will be encouraged to take turns, listen to each other and think of the needs of others. We will also be working on co-operative play and becoming independent learners.

### **Mathematical Development**

Through number rhymes we will be working on numbers to ten, recognizing, counting and ordering the numbers. We will also be focusing on careful and accurate counting, counting one to one by touching the objects. We will be looking at positional language and pattern. We will also look at recognising 2D shapes through Shaped and Mr. Men stories and learn the names of the shapes.

### **Physical Development**

We are encouraging the children to dress and undress independently for PE please could you follow this up at home encouraging them to become independent in this area. Well done to the children who do this already. We will be encouraging good listening and following instructions in PE. We also encourage independence when going to the toilet and putting coats on to go out to play. We will be doing lots of activities to develop both gross and fine motor skills in PE and in writing skills.

### **Communication, Language and Literacy Development**

Children's ability to hear rhyme is a key factor in them learning to read. Therefore, we are doing a lot of work on nursery rhymes this term encouraging the children to listen for rhyme. Please could you continue this work at home by making sure that your child can say lots of nursery rhymes. We will also be listening to lots of stories with repetitive refrains encouraging the children to join in. Our phonics work includes listening for lots of different sounds, we will also be looking at one letter per week, learning to recognize the letters and know the sound of them. The children have opportunities in all areas of nursery to write and mark make. We are also encouraging the children to recognize and write their own name please could you follow this up at home.

### **Understanding of the World and Expressive Art & Design**

Our R.E. topics this term are "Myself", "Welcome" and "Birthdays". We will be exploring these topics through the children's own experiences and listening to stories from the Bible and the "Come and See" scheme. Through our topic work "Myself" we will be learning about why we are special. We will learn about our bodies, how we have changed from when we were babies. Also, we will be looking at our families. In exploring "Journeys" we will look at journeys we make, different modes of transport etc., ending in our journey to Bethlehem at Christmas. We will be using technology to enhance our learning. All children have the opportunity to use the computers, iPad and beebots.

In art and design we will be exploring colours and looking at how colours can be changed. We will also be painting our portraits. In music we will be learning new songs and use the percussion instruments. We will focus on keeping a steady beat and loud and soft sounds. The children are always encouraged to use their imagination in all areas of nursery.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and talk to us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Groves, Mrs. Craft and Miss McCue