

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

NURSERY



Welcome to the Summer Term! We hope you had a lovely break and are enjoying the brighter, warmer days that we have had recently. We are excited to begin a term filled with fun, learning and plenty of opportunities for the children to explore and grow.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and partnership. It makes such a difference to your child's experience and development.

We look forward to sharing lots of special moments with you and keeping you updated on your child's progress.

As always if you have any questions please speak to a member of the nursery team.



Animals

This half term the children will be exploring a wide variety of animals from different habitats around the world. From the depths of the ocean to the heart of the jungle and from busy farms to our own homes. We will be learning about where animals live, the names of their young and what makes them special.



Prime areas of learning

Communication and Language



The children will be learning to ask and answer simple 'who' and 'what' questions during conversations, stories and play. The children will be introduced to a range of sentence starters to encourage them to express themselves and their ideas using longer sentences that can be understood by others.

As part of our structured play sessions; the children will be given the opportunity to talk about their own pets at home and listen to others share their experiences. We will also play fun games where children describe different animals for their friends to guess, helping to develop their vocabulary and listening skills.

In addition, the children will be learning to talk about and name a variety of animals and their young, building their understanding of the world around them in an engaging and meaningful way.

PSED



This term, we will be focusing on supporting the children's independence and confidence, particularly for those who will be starting school in September. Children starting school will be encouraged to manage a range of their own needs independently including using the toilet independently, washing their hands, and blowing their nose. The children will also be supported to put on their own coats and begin to practise doing up their zips.

We will be working on encouraging our 2 year olds to start toilet training if they are not already. The children will be given opportunities to sit on the toilet/potty even when changing their nappies with the goal being to have them toilet trained soon.

At mealtimes, we will continue to promote independence by helping children to feed themselves, use cutlery, and open their own drinks and containers where possible.

Physical development



As you may be aware the Nursery children are very lucky to have access to the brand new outdoor play and climbing area. This half term the children will be able to explore the new equipment learning the safety rules whilst being encouraged to challenge themselves and take appropriate risks. PE lessons will take place on a Thursday morning so please ensure the children are appropriately dressed, leggings, joggers and trainers, as they will be using the indoor gymnastics and climbing apparatus. They will not be able to participate if their clothing is deemed to be unsafe.

During these sessions and whilst in the outdoor environment the children will be building their strength, balance and confidence. Through these activities, we aim to help children develop their coordination, control, and overall confidence in their physical abilities, while having lots of fun along the way!

Coming up...



Thursday 16th April - School allocation Emails
Wednesday 22nd April - Earth Day
Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday
Monday 18th May - Walk to school Week
Thursday 21st May - Stay and Play
Friday 22nd May - Last day of Half term
Monday 1st June - INSET day
Tuesday 2nd June - Back to Nursery

Contact us



If there is anything you wish to discuss with us regarding the information on this newsletter; or if you have any further queries or concerns regarding your child's experience at school, please do not hesitate to get in touch:

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How can you help?

Please share pictures of any family pets that the children would like to talk about on Tapestry.

How You Can Support Your Child's Independence at Home

As your child prepares for starting school, developing independence in self-care is really important. Here are some simple ways you can support this at home:

- **Encourage independent toileting**
Support your child to use the toilet on their own, including pulling clothes up and down, wiping, and flushing. Gentle reminders and praise can help build confidence.
- **Practise good hygiene routines**
Encourage your child to wash their hands with soap, especially after using the toilet and before eating. Practising nose blowing and using tissues independently is also very helpful.
- **Support dressing skills**
Give your child opportunities to dress and undress themselves, including putting on coats and having a go at zips and buttons. Allow extra time so they can practise without feeling rushed.
- **Promote independence at mealtimes**
Encourage your child to feed themselves using a fork and spoon, drink from an open cup or bottle, and have a go at opening lunch items such as wrappers or containers.
- **Encourage communication**
Support your child to ask for help when they need it and to express their needs clearly, whether it's during play, daily routines, or when something is wrong.
- **Follow simple routines and instructions**
Practising daily routines at home, such as tidying up toys or getting ready for bed, can help children learn to follow instructions and understand expectations.
- **Build confidence through praise**
Celebrate your child's efforts, even if they don't get it quite right. Encouragement helps them feel proud and willing to keep trying.