



# Nursery Newsletter

## January 2017



### Welcome back

Welcome back to Nursery. We hope you all had a restful break and ready for the new term. We have another very busy term ahead of us and we are looking forward to continuing to working with you to help your children learn all about the world around them.

The morning nursery starts at 8.45am and finishes at 11.45am and the afternoon nursery starts at 12.30pm and finishes at 3.15pm. Please can I remind parents/carers that it is important to ensure that you arrive on time as being late to nursery or collecting your child disrupts your child's learning and makes them upset when they do not see you with all the other parents/carers.

#### Important Dates in Nursery

20<sup>th</sup> January 2017- parents meeting with governors

17<sup>th</sup> February 2017- School closes at 3.15pm for half term

27<sup>th</sup> February 2017- School opens at 8.45am

#### Important Days in Nursery

**Wednesday**- Homework books come back into Nursery

**Thursday**- PE , ICT for morning Nursery

**Friday**- Library, ICT for afternoon Nursery, homework books go home.

### Phonics

In Nursery we follow the DfES Letters and Sounds phonics programme. Letters and Sounds is a six phase programme that is designed to help children to read and spell with phonics.

In Nursery we follow Phase One. The aim of this phase is to foster children's speaking and listening skills as preparation for learning to read with phonics. Parents can play a vital role in helping their children develop these skills, by encouraging their children to listen carefully and talk extensively about what they hear, see and do.

This term in phonics we will be learning about body percussion; the sounds we can make with our bodies, initial sounds; the sound that a word begins with and rhyming words; two words that sound the same.

### Homework

Homework books are sent home with children on a Friday. The homework will be about something we have been learning during the week in Nursery or something that we are going to be learning about the following week.

Please could the children complete the homework by themselves, for example, the children can draw any pictures by themselves and an adult can write what the child says about the picture for them.

All homework books are to be returned to nursery and placed in the homework boxes in the cloakroom by Wednesday so that they can be marked and new homework can be added ready for Friday.

All library books are to be returned to nursery and given to a teacher by Wednesday so that we can go and get a new library book on Friday.

# What we are learning about this term

This half term we will be learning about Winter, Polar animals, Jungle animals, Desert animals, Ocean animals, Dinosaurs, Farm animals, Pets, Chinese New Year, Shrove Tuesday and Easter.

We will be continuing to develop our independence skills, setting our own targets, recognising and writing our own names, counting to 10, selecting a given number from a larger group of objects, recognising numerals, recognising and using numicon, learning the names of 2D shapes and their properties and exploring size, shape, weight and patterns.

## Helpful websites

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xGpsVmWLRFA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UaulRHrJGeU&list=PLLUqQADxI8cKSLG63AYgN8h6nMIMU9k9e>

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies>

## How you can help your child at home

You can help your child with their learning at home by:

- Encouraging them to put their coat on by themselves
- Practise counting to 10
- Practise recognising their name and the initial sound of their name
- Reading lots of stories with your child
- Allowing your child to make marks on paper
- Encouraging your child to dress and undress themselves when going to the toilet and go to the toilet without help

## VIPs

This term we will be starting VIP sessions. This is a time once a week where you can come into Nursery to see the work that your child has been doing in Nursery, ask any questions and where staff can give you more information about topics such as writing, phonics and activities that you can do at home with your child. This is also an opportunity for us to learn more about your child's likes and interests at home and for you to share any information that you wish with your child's key worker.

VIP days are on Thursdays and Fridays. Your child's key worker is written on the front of your child's homework book and there is also a list on the VIP board in the Nursery cloakroom. We will put a notice on this board to inform you when it is your child's VIP day.

If you cannot attend your child's allocated day then please speak to your child's key worker to make alternative arrangements.

## Story time

Do you have a favourite story? Would you like to share it with the children in Nursery?

If you would like to come into Nursery to read your favourite story to the children please speak to Miss Parker or Miss Steadman.

We look forward to continue working with you this term and helping them progress on their learning journey. If you have any questions regarding your child's time in Nursery, please contact Miss Parker.

Thank you for your support. Miss Parker, Miss Steadman, Mrs Hussain, Mrs Ayaz and Miss Koser.

