



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome to our Nursery Newsletter! You will receive this on a Friday each week and it will tell you about our week in Nursery and will include important information about Nursery.

Our Learning this Week

In the table below you will see some of the things we have been learning in the last week. We would like to encourage our children to practise these skills at home and talk about the topics we are learning about.

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| Personal, Social and Emotional Development | Using the words ' please ' or ' thank you ' when we would like something or are given something. We have also been modelling the phrase ' you're welcome ' when someone says 'thank you'. Use these polite phrases as much as you can at home, and tell your child you have noticed how polite they have been when using these words. |
| Communication and Language | Learning new words associated with birds. Taking turns to speak with the talking turtle at check in circles. |
| Physical Development | Moving like a bird at different speeds. Pushing sunflower seeds into pears to make bird feeders. Threading small buttons with small threading holes onto pipe cleaners. Threading penne and rigatoni pasta onto different lengths of string...it was very tricky but the children did so well! |
| Literacy | Sequencing the story of 'We're going on a bear hunt' and joining in with the words. |
| Phonics | Clapping the syllables in words Butterflies – They will be starting Phase 2 phonics from the beginning again now that they have developed their listening and attention skills more. |
| Maths | Playing games where we have to 'say what we see' (subitise) and not always count objects using our fingers. Sharing what numerals we can recognise up to 5 |
| Understanding the World | Talking about birds and what they look like. Learning about robins and what they like to eat. |
| Expressive Arts and Design | Using dabbers and fingers to paint birds Making enclosed shapes to represent robins when using paint on the easel. Singing a song about winter birds and using scarfs to be our wings. |

Home Times

Thank you for your patience as always with home time. The way the children exit nursery does sometimes change depending on staffing. The children have shown us how adaptable they are and how able they are to cope with changes in routines when we go home in a different way.

Library

This week the children will start to visit the school library again and bring a book home. Your child will only be allowed to bring a library book home if they have a school book bag to carry it home in. We will be changing the way we access the library, and all children will have one opportunity a week to visit the library. You will find out this week which day your child will be visiting the library

PE

Next week the Butterflies will be starting planned PE sessions in the school hall on Mondays. The children will be taking their shoes and socks off to take part. Please make sure your child's shoes are clearly labelled or have stickers inside on the soles to help them identify which shoes are theirs.

Wellington Boots and Wet Weather Trousers/Puddle Suits

The children have been enjoying the huge puddles in the big playground, and using the bikes and scooters to whizz around in the drizzly rain. They have also started to enjoy using the sand pit to make soggy sandcastles. We access the outdoors in all types of weather, therefore we would kindly ask that **all children have a pair of named wellies, a pair of waterproof trousers/puddle suit and a waterproof jacket that will be kept at Nursery.** They will wear these over their Nursery uniform so that they stay drier and warmer when learning outdoors. We would also like all children to have a spare set of clothes (including socks) to change into if they get wet outdoors. Please make sure that all spare clothes are clearly labelled and in a carrier bag (not a rucksack) so that we can manage the space on the children's pegs efficiently.

Nursery Messages

You may notice staff holding a clipboard when they welcome you at the gate at home time. This is to ensure that we relay important messages to parents and carers at the end of the day where needed.

Pre-Existing Injuries

Safeguarding is our top priority in Nursery. As such, we would like to remind you that it is the responsibility of Nursery staff to report on all injuries or visible marks noticed on a child. Please do discuss anything you need to at drop off, and if we gave any other questions or notice anything through the day, we are required to call home to speak to you.

Pre-existing injuries will now require us to complete a "pre-existing injury form" (signed by a parent and witnessed by a member of Nursery staff) as well as have details recorded on a body map on Tapestry to comply with safeguarding requirements.

Forest School Update

This week the children have been thoroughly enjoying the muddy puddles! It has been very wet and soggy but still so much fun!

The children have been making and using bird hides to watch for birds, and have used the saws to cut wood to make a bird feeder.

They have also been enjoying the new tyre swing that one of the year four parents put up for Mrs Newington!

Forest School Home Times

On Forest School days (when the weather is on our side!) the children will be coming to the gate to meet you with their bags at home time. This is to enable us to spend extra time in the forest. The children will come to the Nursery to collect their bags and walk to the gate to meet you when called.

Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Have a lovely week!

Miss Bush and the Nursery team