



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

### 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.

<b>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</b>	I am special, I am unique! This week we have been using the story Me, Myself and I to talk about what we like about ourselves. We have been looking in the mirror and telling each other what we like about our faces. We have been talking about how we all look different and that we are all special and unique! We also made a jigsaw piece each and put the pieces all together to complete our nursery puzzle, if anyone is missing from Nursery then we are not complete!
<b>Communication and Language</b>	Using language to talk about our pictures when we are drawing, our paintings when we are painting and our models when we are making them with recycled materials.
<b>Physical Development</b>	Holding scissors in the correct position Snipping with scissors Cutting with scissors in a straight line Cutting around objects with scissors PE in the hall – finding a magic space of our own to sit in -telling the story of Jack and the Beanstalk using our whole bodies -talking about what happens to our bodies when we exercise (we feel hot, our heart beats faster and we breathe differently) Squeezing glitter glue tubes with our fingers
<b>Literacy</b>	Sharing the story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' Talking about the pictures Telling the story using the pictures Using different voices for the different characters Acting out the story
<b>Phonics</b>	Playing the name card – using a word that starts with the same phoneme as our name e.g. marvellous monkey Max, jiggly jolly Joshua Butterflies: -Identifying objects that start with the phoneme (sound) /s/ and /a/ -Segmenting and blending words that start with /s/ and /a/ -Listening to segmented words for parts of our body and seeing if we can touch them
<b>Maths</b>	Saying what we see when we look at our photos on the 5s frame at group time (subitising not counting) Using language associated with size in our play - big, small, medium sized, biggest, smallest
<b>Understanding the World</b>	Exploring our new home area role play and the new equipment we have (fish slice, whisk, long tongs, tall jug, spotty and stripy mugs, penne pasta, weighing scales, bed, blanket Learning how to make bubbles with a whisk, water and washing up liquid Making porridge in the microwave
<b>Expressive Arts and Design</b>	Using masking tape to stick boxes together Using different coloured paints to paint pictures on the easel

Using glitter glues to decorate stars Using cotton buds dipped in paint to decorate stars
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### Library

This week the children have been to the library. If your child has a Lyne and Longcross book bag, they will have brought a book home. If your child is on Nursery on Tuesdays, this will be their library. If your child is not in Nursery on a Tuesday, they will visit the library on Fridays. The children will have an opportunity to change this book once a week but only if they have brought their library book back to change. Please be aware that there is a £5 charge for any books that are lost or damaged. There may be occasions where we don't make it to the library due to unforeseen circumstances.

### Nursery Gate Opening

We endeavour to open the Nursery gate at 8.45am each morning but occasionally we may open it a few minutes late if there are important updates I need to share with the staff before the children arrive.

### Arriving Late and Going Home Early

Our Nursery day starts at 8.45am and finishes at 2.45pm.

At 8.45am the children spend time developing their fine motor skills in their groups and settle for the start of the day. At 9am we start our group time, and all Nursery staff are supporting children's learning.

From Monday, your child must be in Nursery by 9am as staff will not be able to come to the gate between 9am -9.30am as they will be delivering group time learning. If you arrive after 9am, we ask that you wait in the school office, by the Nursery gate or in your car. The staff will be able to come to the gate to collect your child once group time has finished at 9.30am. This applies to all of our parents and carers, even those dropping siblings elsewhere at other schools.

In the afternoon, the children also have group time learning which involves all staff. If you need to collect your child early, they will need to be collected at 2pm during our free flow time or at 2.45pm at the end of our session.

### Wellington Boots and Wet Weather Trousers/Puddle Suits

Please make sure your child has **a pair of named wellies, a pair of waterproof trousers and a waterproof jacket that will be kept at Nursery.** These are essential and are needed on a daily basis for learning outside. This week lots of children have been upset as they were not able to play in the sand pit because they didn't have wellington boots or water proof trousers in Nursery.

### Forest School Update

This week the children have been thoroughly enjoying the squelchy mud and the puddles from all of the rain!

They have been using feathers to paint and using huge logs as pirate ships, as well as using sticks to dig for treasure.

We gave Mrs Newington a special gift...a new grill for the forest fire!

We will now be able to cook lots of different things on the fire for snack time. This week we cooked sausages and next week we will cook pancakes!

### **Collecting children early on Forest school days**

From this week, if your child needs to be collected early on a forest school day, they will need to be collected at 12.30pm before forest school begins. All of the staff are required to be in the forest with the children during forest school sessions.

Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Bush and the Nursery team