



Nursery News Update



Friday 13th March 2015

Dear Parents,

We hope you and your child are enjoying the new half term and what a busy one it has been so far. The children were thrilled on return to nursery with the new flooring and the new setup of the environment which has created the setting for some exciting new learning experiences. We have put together a brief overview of new learning, new developments and the Makaton rhyme we have been signing together in key worker which you may wish to enjoy at home with your child.

This term we will be specifically focusing on physical development and writing skills within key worker, this includes..

PE



We would like to support children with their physical development and will be introducing an outdoor PE session each week. This will begin the week commencing Monday 23rd March. Children will be invited to wear their school jumper and t-shirt with tracksuit bottoms (navy, grey or black) and trainers during the week. Those days are Wednesday and Friday's and activities will support children's coordination, thinking skills and confidence.

Dough D-I-S-C-O

Children have been carrying out dough disco at nursery. They each have their own pot of play dough. We play music and then we carry out a range of moves to make our fingers, hands and arms move which supports children's muscle development. We all have lots of fun!

Letters and Sounds

The children have been learning letter sounds..

i n p

New sounds to be introduced and used over the next two weeks

are..

g o c



Children will continue with activities outlined in the previous newsletter. You may like to try playing games such as eye spy, letter sound hunts at home and creating your own cards to make CVC words with such as d-o-g.

Writing our Names

We have been supporting children in writing their names using name cards in nursery. We would appreciate your support in encouraging children to write their name independently in cards for others, on pictures they draw etc.



Could you help us with...

Big Bags

We have noticed that some children are starting to bring really big bags to nursery which makes it difficult for others on the peg next to them to hang their coat. We would appreciate if you could ensure children only bring a small bag with essentials they require personally for nursery.



Junk

We would appreciate if you could send in any washed out yoghurt pots, bottles and containers as well as any boxes we can make models with. Please ensure that previous products held in them do not pose risk to children.



Wellies



We are looking for any wellies your child has grown out of to keep in nursery. These will be used for the outdoors as we continue with our development of the nursery. We would like children to access the outdoors in all weathers and suitable footwear is a must. Please send any donations into nursery.



Talk with Mr Tumble

The children have loved receiving letters and gifts in the spotty bag which have linked to supporting children with makaton (signing). We have had some parents asking about signs we have been learning and we thought it would be useful to send images of these home. Over the last three weeks we have been learning the nursery rhyme 'Baa Baa Black Sheep'. Below are the signs we are using..

Baa **baa** **black** **sheep**

Small circular backward movement

Little fingers trace shape of horns against cheeks

have **you** **any** **wool?**

Close hand into fist and move towards body. Do not touch chest

Yes **sir** **yes** **sir**

Bend wrist

Stroke beard

three **bags** **full**



one for the **master**

one for the **dame**

Straight finger moves diagonally to corner of mouth

one for the **little** **boy**

who **lives** down the **lane**

Small arced movement

THANK YOU

Nursery Fund

A big thank you to those of you who have been contributing to nursery fund in recent weeks, this money is supporting children's learning and allowing us to buy new resources for nursery. The box is there daily for any contribution you can make.



We would like to remind everyone about returning parental consultation forms back to Nursery for Monday 16th March so that appointment times can be sent out on Wednesday 18th March.

Thank you again for your continued support – it really does make a difference!

Mrs Bell, Mrs Groser, Mrs Goodall, Mrs Lowes, Mrs Hill and Mrs Nicholson

