



Nursery News

Learning Together!



Friday 28th January 2022

Dear Parents,

We would like to inform families of upcoming events in Nursery

- **Chinese New Year**- Next week (31st January to 4th February) We will be celebrating the arrival of the Year of the Tiger in Nursery. We will be sampling some food, listening to traditional music and finding out about the very first Chinese New Year!
- **Place2Be Children's Mental Health Week**- 7th- 13th February. This year's theme is 'Growing Together'. We will be thinking about how much we have grown and how we can help others to grow too!
- **Parental Consultations**- 7th-11th March, more details to follow.

Our Nursery Lending Library!

Children will soon be bringing home a book to share with you. This will be a book of their choice and one which they will have discussed with their Key Worker.

Sharing stories is a long established tradition across the world and by continuing this, you can be confident that you are helping your child to foster a love of reading and encourage the development of Literacy skills. Whilst sharing a book, we would ask you to consider

the following points:

- Model how to handle a book correctly
- Talk about books, e.g. page, cover, title, author, illustrator, illustrations
- Follow the text with your finger as you read from left to right across the page
 - Point out occasional letters and sounds that your child may know
 - Talk about the illustrations and how they match the text
 - Talk about the structure of the story, beginning, middle and end
 - Ask who? What? Where? When? How? Why?



Alongside the book, children will also bring home a Book Diary. We would appreciate it if you could make a comment in the diary relating to any of the above points or what your child says about the book. We would encourage your child to also make an entry into the diary, perhaps by doing a drawing, painting or collage inspired by the story. As we move forward in our learning, your child may perhaps be able to add some letters or words linked to the story too.

To allow children to share their Book Diary with their Key Worker Group and to allow us time to respond to entries the schedule will be that:

Children who attend all day Monday, all day Tuesday and Wednesday morning (Early Reds) receive a book Wednesday, return it to Nursery the following Monday.

Children who attend Morning Sessions only, receive a book Wednesday, return it to Nursery the following Monday.

Children who are Full Time (30 hours) receive a book Friday, return it to Nursery the following Wednesday.

Children who attend Afternoon Sessions only, receive a book Friday, return it to Nursery the following Wednesday.

Children who attend Wednesday afternoon, all day Thursday and all day Friday (Late Greens) receive a book Friday, return it to Nursery the following Wednesday.

We hope that you enjoy sharing books together. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.



Dough D.I.S.C.O!

The children are about to begin 'Dough Disco'!

We lead the sessions ourselves with a different song that has a good beat from a range of musical eras. In case you would like to do this at home with your child we have created a list of the movements we do at Nursery and the names we give them. If the children are moving in a range of ways, playing with the dough and having fun you're on the right track!

You can do these in any order – mix them up and have fun!

The Football; warm your dough up with hands in a football shape.

The Roundabout; move the playdough around your waist, passing it to the opposite hand at the back and front. Change directions.

The Swim; make a windmill movement with your arm and as the arm comes down pass the playdough to the opposite hand and repeat on the other side.

The Box; place the dough in one hand and make a fist with the other, box the dough. Repeat on the opposite side.

The Croc; place the dough in one hand and snap the dough between the hands. Repeat on the opposite side.

Fingers at the Disco; with flat dough in the palm of your hand, press your fingers into the dough as though they are dancing. Repeat on the other side.

Sausage Roll; make a sausage roll with your dough.

To finish we always make our dough into a sausage and then a "minion squish" to place it back into the pot.

How to Make Play Dough!

Follow the instructions to make your very own 'No Cook Play Dough'!

Ingredients:

- 1 cup of flour
- ¼ cup of salt
- ½ cup of water
- ½ teaspoon of vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon of cream of tartar
- Food colouring

Instructions:

1. Measure your ingredients in to a large bowl
2. Use your hands to mix together
3. Enjoy playing with your dough!
4. Place in an airtight container to store.

If your dough is sticky add more flour, if it is dry add more water.

Letters and Sounds

Children are enjoying learning their letter sounds. We have looked at recognising, forming and hearing

m, a, s

and in the coming weeks will be getting to know

d t p i n o g

Children have been trying to hear the initial sounds in words with these letters at the beginning, e.g. m for mouse, a for ant. They have also begun to listen for rhyme, noticing that some words are similar as they have the same sound at the end, as win, tin, fin, bin. We enjoy spotting the rhyming words in some stories and songs!

Children continue to enjoy a variety of snacks at Nursery. They are becoming increasingly independent in their choices and ability to help themselves to the options available.

At lunchtime, children are supported by a team of staff and any concerns around this mealtime would be relayed to you, the menu can be found on our school website.

Monday 31st of January will be Week 2 of the current menu.



Thank you as always for your continued support!

Mrs Quinn, Mrs Brewerton, Mrs Goodall, Mrs Groser, Mrs Hewson, Mrs Nicholson and Mrs Willis

