



# Nursery Spring Term 2018

## Communication and Language

Children have daily access to our book corner. They will have lots of opportunities to listen to books and there are regular storytelling sessions.

Children will be in daily small group Key worker sessions where they will be encouraged to speak, think about questions and listen to each other.

Our focus for this half term will be 'Rainbows' and 'The Train Ride' by June Crebbin. Children will be enjoying many activities inspired by these themes.

Try to share a book with your child each day, listening to and discussing the story together. This will provide opportunities to develop your child's language. There are books and story sacks to borrow from Nursery.

## Literacy



At the start of each session, children are encouraged to recognise their own names and to put them either on the correct lunch time mat or in the basket.

Children have daily access to our writing area where they can practise their mark making skills. As part of our learning about the Train ride, we will be producing a story map to help the children re-tell the story. Ask your child if they can use the map to re-tell the story. We'd love you to send us a video!

At home, try and make books a part of family life. Have a book in your bag and take the opportunity to read with your child when you are waiting for the bus or for an appointment.

## Physical Development

Children will have lots of practice using one-handed tools such as scissors, paintbrushes and pencils. Activities such as threading, playdough and jigsaws help to develop early writing skills.

We will continue our weekly PE sessions where children have the opportunity to enjoy moving in a range of ways and exploring a range of equipment.

Children have daily access to our outside area where they have the opportunity to climb, balance, cycle and play ring games. Your child could practise using balls, climbing etc at your local park.

Fruit, milk and water are provided each session. Please continue to encourage your child to be increasingly independent with toileting and getting themselves dressed.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will be continuing to reinforce nursery boundaries and routines. Children will continue to form good relationships with Nursery staff and to make friends with the other Nursery children.

During the term your child will have the opportunity to look after one of our Nursery weekend bears Edith, Edmund or Edward!

We also have toys for children to take with them to a Special Occasion.

We will continue to use our system of Learning Animals at Nursery and at home to celebrate children's learning.

## Mathematics

We have a maths area in Nursery where children have free access to a variety of fun maths resources to practise skills such as sorting, counting and number recognition.

At home you could practise counting objects with your child: you could do this on the walk home. Begin to use positional language (on, under, etc) and talk about the shape of everyday objects (round, tall etc)

Look for numbers in everyday situations to help your child begin to recognise some numbers – eg on buses, front doors.

We will put a number by the name cards. Talk to your child about the number they see.

## Understanding the World

Children will be using information books to find out about different types of transport.

Children have daily access to exploratory activities such as sand, water, a texture tray, construction toys etc.

The children have regular use of ICT equipment such as a computer and an interactive whiteboard.

If you are going on a trip or have a special occasion to celebrate please see us about borrowing one of our Special Occasion toys. The Nursery children can learn about other countries and cultures through this experience.

## Expressive Arts and Design



Children have regular access to our painting easels, writing table, making area, role play corner, dressing up clothes and musical instruments.

Many activities will be linked to our rainbow theme and 'The Train ride'. Children will be singing, producing art work, enjoying role play and learning new songs! Your child will bring a puppet box home to share with you. Read the story together and ask your child to have a go at re-telling the story in their own words.

## Remember

**PE is on Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. Please send children in socks and shoes that they are able to change themselves.**

Please continue to send your child with a warm coat for activities in our nursery garden.

Please check that your child has welly boots that fit.