



Fleet Nursery

Autumn Term 2019

Festivals and Feasts



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Fleet Nursery. The children are settling in really well to their new learning environment, making new friends and engaging in the many activities we have prepared for them. We are thoroughly enjoying getting to know your child.

We have a lovely group of adults working in the Nursery. The class teachers are Nicola Budd and Rebecca Combes, who work as a job share. Nicola works Monday to Wednesday and Rebecca works Wednesday to Friday. Margaret O'Sullivan is our full time nursery nurse, while Mimosa Hassani and Hazel Stephenson are our learning support assistants. Emma Swan and Candice Shipton will also be in the nursery helping at lunchtimes.

Fleet Nursery is a warm, happy and engaging environment in which every child is supported to help them achieve their full potential. We aim to develop independence, self-confidence and caring attitudes which will help children acquire lifelong learning skills. Nursery is the foundation of school education and we strive to develop a love of learning and a passion for discovering new concepts with confidence. As well as learning through play, we organise the day so children can take part in a variety of stimulating adult led activities that promote the different areas of learning as well as initiating their own learning and play.

The prime areas of learning that take priority when planning are:

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Additional specific learning areas are:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding of the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Once the children are all full time, will have 3 carpet sessions a day, each with a specific focus. Our first session at 9 o'clock will have a topic focus and will engage the children in the exciting learning opportunities for the day. We will then have a Mathematics focused session before lunch followed by a Literacy session after lunch. The carpet session after lunch will also be a chance for the children to have a little rest and some quiet time before getting involved with the afternoon's activities.

As the year goes on, our involvement with the main school will increase with us having a buddy reading class, attending various assemblies and working on cooperative projects with older children.

Autumn Term Topic - Festivals and Feasts

We have a topic based around the many festivals and celebrations occurring during the autumn term. These will include harvest festivals, Halloween, Diwali, Bonfire night, Hannukah and Christmas. We will learn about how these events are celebrated as well as look at the changing seasons and signs of autumn and winter. There will be a focus on topic related stories including Stickman, The Birthday Invitation, Cake, We're going on a Leaf Hunt and Leaf Man. We will also talk about birthdays and how we celebrate them. We are very excited about this topic and know the children will be too.

Snacks and Lunch

A variety of fruit snacks are provided for the children every morning. We also have a drinks area set up with milk and water, where the children can have a drink throughout the day.

Lunch is a social time in our Nursery, with staff sitting and eating with the children. This is also a time for us to teach about hygiene and healthy eating. You will receive a menu each term, detailing the different meal plans. We do encourage the children to try new foods and aim to make lunchtimes a positive experience but there may be times your child hasn't had a lot to eat. If this is the case, we will let you know.

Reading

One of the best things you can do for your child is read with them. The children will have the opportunity to select books to take home and share with you. **To help look after our books, please purchase a book bag from the school office.** The children can take home 2 books at a time. We will read to the children throughout the day and encourage their participation in retelling stories and joining in wherever possible.

Mathematics

Much of our mathematical learning is done through songs and rhymes. Practical mathematics activities will also be embedded in our activities throughout the day. We will continually give the children reasons to count, sort, order, sequence and recognise numerals. The children will also participate in maths games and puzzles in an adult led group. Our carpet sessions will have different themes such as reciting numbers, representing numbers, discussing number names and matching numerals to quantities. Once all the children are settled, we will introduce a number of the week. There will be lots of number activities to support this and a display in the classroom which the children can show you so you can join in with this at home too.

Clothing

Please dress your child in clothes that allow for their growing independence. Shoes

with Velcro fasteners are best, unless your child is able to fasten their own shoelaces. Due to the nature of early years education, there will be times when the children get dirty, even with aprons on. For this reason, please avoid sending your child to school in special clothing. Additionally, please bring a change of clothes, in a named bag, to keep on your child's peg.

All Weather Nursery

We are an all weather nursery so the children will play outside in different kinds of weather. Please send your child in with a named, preferably waterproof coat as well as winter clothing when the weather is cooler. It's also very helpful if hats, gloves etc are named too. We also ask that a pair of named wellington boots are left at school for the children to wear when outside.

Further information:

- School Contact Number: 020 7485 2028 extension 3 for Nursery
- Please also let us know if any of your contact details change as it is essential we can contact you if necessary
- Open Hours: 8.50am - 3.20pm
- Please phone us to let us know if your child is unwell and will be absent
- We need written consent to administer any medication. There is a form for you to fill out if your child needs any medicine. We are unable to administer any medication that is not prescribed by a doctor such as Calpol.
- Please let us know if someone different will be collecting your child. Ideally it would be good for us to have met them in advance.

Class Reps

At Fleet we have a number of fun social events including a disco and fairs that are organised by the Parents' Association. As parents/carers at Fleet you are part of our school community and an essential part of all school events. We are looking for 2 class reps that will liaise with the Parents' Association and then promote the involvement of all nursery parents. If you are interested, please let a member of the nursery team know asap.

Once per term each class takes it in turn to host a class tea. The money raised goes towards our trip budget. As well as being a lovely way to socialise with other families, they are really valuable to our school. The class reps will help organise this but it's important that as many parents as possible can help on the day.

If you have any questions, queries or ideas to share, please do not hesitate to talk us.

Thank you for your support,

The Nursery Team

