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Fleet Nursery

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Once Upon A Story



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful holiday and have had a great start to the new decade. We have been so impressed with how quickly the children have settled back in and have got back into the nursery routine. We're also delighted to welcome a new child into the nursery too.

Spring term topic

Our topic this term is Once Upon A Story. We will be looking at fairy tales and traditional tales as a structure for our topic to help develop the children's communication and language skills. There will be a focus on the children learning to retell each story using actions and story maps. Hopefully the children will enjoy sharing them with you at home too. Each story will also provide a starting point for a new set of activities based around the text. As I'm sure you all know, we've begun by looking at the Gingerbread Man. The children are already becoming very familiar with the story, and enjoying all the associated activities including creating a large Gingerbread Man for our topic display board. Some of the other stories we will focus on will include: The Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Little Red Hen and The Enormous Turnip.

Snacks, lunch and trip packed lunch

Fruit snacks, water and milk will continue to be offered to the children each morning. Lunch is a social time in the Nursery, with staff sitting and eating with the children. It's lovely to see the children beginning to become more independent during this time. When we are on trips please remember to send your child with a healthy packed lunch that adheres to the school's policy. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Reading

The children love listening to a variety of stories throughout the day as well as sharing books with their friends too. This term we will also begin weekly Buddy Reading sessions with

children in Year 5. Story times at home are incredibly valuable to your child's development. The children have the opportunity to select two books to take home each day, so please don't forget to bring in their book bag then you have plenty to read with them at home. If your child doesn't have a book bag yet, you can purchase one in nursery for £3.50. Asking your child to tell you; what might happen next, their favourite part, which characters they liked/disliked etc, all helps to develop their comprehension of texts and supports the development of their story language. This term we will also begin phonics lessons, looking at a different sound each week. We will let you know what the sound is and some ways you can support your child at home.

Mathematics

Mathematical learning happens throughout the day during carpet sessions, small group work and is also carefully embedded in play activities. We continually give the children reasons to count, sort, order, sequence and recognise numerals. Daily singing of number rhymes and counting objects takes place during carpet sessions. At home please can you help by supporting your child with the Number of the week activities, using the sheet we send home.

General House Keeping

Clothing

Please dress your children in clothes that allow for independence in being able to dress and undress themselves. Unless your child is able fasten their own shoelaces, shoes with **velcro** help to support their growing independence. 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

Please remember that we are an all-weather nursery so the children will play outside in different kinds of weather. Please send your child/ren in with a **named**, preferably waterproof warm coat along with **named** hat, scarf and gloves. Having gloves on a long piece of elastic are a good way to prevent them from being misplaced. Thank you if you have already named your child's clothing.

Open Hours: 8.50am - 3.20pm

We open the door at 8.50am to enable to smooth transition at the start of the day, but please ensure your child is in by 9.00am so we can begin our first carpet session promptly.

Trips / Important Dates

We will send information about trips/important dates in a separate letter, however please note that Nursery Class Tea is on Thursday 30th January. Thank you to those of you who baked and helped at the Autumn Nursery Class Tea. As well as being lovely social occasions, they are also an essential fund-raising opportunity by the Parents Association. Thank you also to those of you who were able to accompany us on trips last term; your support is greatly appreciated and makes it possible for us to go on outings.

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

Thank you for your continued support,

The Nursery Team