



Fleet Primary School

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Nursery Topic Letter – Autumn Term 2021



Wonderful World, Wonderful Me



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Fleet Nursery! We've have loved meeting all of you and your fabulous children over the last week. We are looking forward to supporting them as they settle into their new learning environment, as they make new friends and engage in the many activities we have prepared for them.

Nicola Budd and Rebecca Combes are the nursery teachers. We do a job share with Nicola working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon while Rebecca works Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We have a lovely group of adults working in the Nursery. Margaret O'Sullivan is the nursery nurse and Hazel Stephenson is the learning support assistant.

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
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development



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Specific areas include:

- 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 beginning at 9am, will have a topic focus and will engage the children in the exciting learning opportunities for the day. During the day we will also have a Mathematics and Literacy focused session. 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 going over for a PE session, attending singing assemblies, as well as watching class assemblies and working on cooperative projects with older children.

Autumn Term Topic - Wonderful World, Wonderful Me

The focus for our topic the term is all about ourselves and the world around us. We will be learning about our individual self - how we are the same and how we are different, our families, what makes us special, alongside building friendships with the other children in nursery. We will also be learning about the world around us including the changing seasons, looking for signs of autumn and winter as well as looking at how different festivals are celebrated including Halloween, Bonfire night, Diwali, Christmas and Hannukah. We will also be looking at how we can help our world by reducing, reusing and recycling. We have lots of lovely books that will help to bring the topic to life. We are very excited about this topic and hope the children will be too.

Snacks and Lunch

A variety of fruit snacks are provided for the children to eat each morning. Lunch is a social time in our Nursery, with staff supporting 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



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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 can you purchase a Fleet book bag from Nursery or the office for £3.50. 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 where ever possible.

Mathematics

Many of our rhymes will have a number focus and we will do a lot of number work around these. 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 focuses 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 in nursery and we will provide ideas for activities so that you'll be able to join in with this at home too.

Clothing

Please dress your child in clothes that allow for their growing independence. Please send your child in shoes/boots with velcro or zips that will help to support their growing independence, unless they are already able 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 ensure there are spare clothes for your child and replace items as they are used.

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



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waterproof coat with a hood, 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 for Forest school sessions. More details to follow separately about these sessions.

Further information:

School Contact Number: 020 7485 2028 extension 3 for Nursery.

Please also let us know straight away 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.

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

Thank you for your support,

The Nursery Team