



Fleet Primary School

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Fleet Nursery Autumn Term 2022 Fabulous Friends Fantastic Families



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 Thursday 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

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 – Fabulous Friends, Fantastic Families

The focus for our topic this term is, as the title suggests, all about making new fabulous friends and being settled in nursery away from our fantastic families. We will be focusing on supporting the children to develop positive relationships enabling them to build new friendships with all the other children in nursery and learning to see themselves as part of a class. We have chosen lots of lovely books that will we will use as a weekly focus help to bring the topic to life. We will also be looking at how different family events and celebrations including Bonfire night, Diwali and Christmas. We are very excited about this topic and hope the children will be too.

Snacks and Lunch

Please send your child to school each day with their water bottle so they can drink throughout the day. We ask that the bottles are filled with still water only - no squash, carbonated water or juice please.

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 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. Our Book Bag changing days are Tuesday and Thursday. We also read to the children throughout the day and encourage their participation in retelling stories and joining in wherever 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. Unless your child can fasten their own shoelaces, please send them in shoes or boots with velcro or zips that will 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 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 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.

Open Hours: 8.50am - 3.20pm.

Please also let us know straight away if any of your contact details change as it is essential we can contact you if necessary.

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