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Nursery Topic Letter – Spring Term 2022



Topic Rhyme Time



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our existing families and a very warm welcome to our new families joining us this term. We're delighted to be welcoming four new children into the nursery. We hope you all had a lovely holiday and you were able to spend lots of lovely time together. We have had a great start to the new year. We have been so impressed with how well the children have settled back in and have got back into the nursery routines so quickly.

Spring term topic

Our topic this term is *Rhyme Time* and there will be a different nursery rhyme focus each week. Rhyming and playing with sounds is a fantastic way to introduce and develop communication and literacy skills to children.

Each focus rhyme will link to our learning in each area in the curriculum. For example, this week we are focusing on the nursery rhyme, *Five Currant Buns* we will; count buns (Mathematics), make and taste currant buns (Personal, social and emotional development), help create a café for role play to include salt dough currant buns and chef's hats (Expressive Arts and design), share and enjoy other stories related to baking (Literacy) and much more.

Rhymes that we will focus on will include; *Incy Wincy Spider*, *Pat a cake*, *Humpty Dumpty*, *Jack and Jill*, *5 Speckled frogs*, *Row row, your boat* and many more.

We will let you know the rhyme for the week as well as sending a copy for you to take home and enjoy together. We know that you will support your child's learning by singing the nursery rhymes with them.

Snacks and lunch

Please continue to remember to send a **named bottle with water** in each day. Fruit snacks will continue to be given to the children each morning. Lunch is a social time in the Nursery, with staff sitting with and serving the children. It's lovely to see the children beginning to become more independent during this time.

Reading

The children love listening to stories throughout the day and have started to get more involved by retelling stories, predicting what might happen next and talking about their favourite parts. Please remember our book changing days are Tuesday and Thursday, when the children have the opportunity to select two books

to take home. If your child doesn't have a book bag yet, you can buy one for £3.50. Talking to your child about the illustrations, 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. Later this term we will also begin phonics sessions, 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 shapes and recognise numerals. Daily singing of number rhymes and counting objects takes place during carpet sessions. At home you can help the children by counting with them to 10 and beyond if they are ready. Counting small sets of objects when cooking and doing other domestic activities can also be helpful.

Forest School

Forest School will resume in a couple of weeks. We will send out a text the day before to let you know. The children have been really enjoying the sessions and are growing in confidence when exploring our Forest School site. As we are now in winter, it is vital that children are dressed for cold weather so they can enjoy their time outside. Please make sure your child has extra pairs of socks on (especially if they wear wellies), lots of layers and a woolly hat, scarf and gloves (not mittens as these are not good for playing). Thank you so much for your support with this.

General House Keeping

Clothing

Please encourage your children to dress in clothes that allow for independence in being able to dress and undress themselves. **Unless your child is able to fasten their own shoelaces, shoes with velcro and zips help to support their growing independence.** Due to the nature of early year's education, there will be times when the children may get messy. For this reason, please avoid sending your child to school in special clothing. Additionally, please make sure there is always a change of clothes in school.

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, warm coat with a hood, along with a named hat, scarf and gloves.** Gloves on a long piece of elastic or wool are a good way to prevent them from being misplaced.

Open Hours: 8.50am – 3.20pm

We open the door at 8.50am to enable a smooth transition at the start of the day, but please ensure your child is in by 9.00am as we begin our first carpet session promptly. This is really important to ensure your child begins the day along with all the other children and is also a time when we will read stories, rhymes of the week along with explaining the focus activities during the morning session. Please can you also arrive promptly at 3.20pm to collect your child. Thank you for your support with this.

Trips / Important Dates

We have a number of fun trips planned this term that will enrich the children's learning. We are just waiting for confirmation and will let you know when we do. Thanks to those who came on our trip last term, your support is greatly appreciated and makes it possible for us to go on outings.

A huge thank you also to those of you who baked, bought and helped at the Autumn Nursery Class Tea. These are an essential school fund raising opportunity, so please can you put the date in your diary for this term, so we can raise lots of money to be spent on your children.

- Thursday 27th January - Nursery Class Tea
- Monday 14th to Friday 18th February - Half Term Holiday
- Wednesday 9th March – Individual Parents Appointments
- Friday 1st April - final day 2pm finish

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

Thank you for your continued support, we really do appreciate it.

Best wishes

The Nursery Team