



# Fleet Primary School

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## Nursery Spring Term – Topic Letter

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### Off We Go!



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a fabulous 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 *Off We Go!* and as the title suggests, there will be a focus on different forms of transport and traveling as well as traditional tales that involve traveling too. We have begun by looking at Dig, Dig, Digging and thinking about our favourite ways to travel. This week we will be focusing on the story *Naughty Bus*, talking about the different things the bus does, painting, drawing and making buses out of junk modelling as well as lots of bus journey role play.

Some of the other stories we will focus on will include, *The Train Ride*, *The Gingerbread Man*, *The Way Back Home*, *Three Billy Goats Gruff* and *Rosie's Walk*. We are very excited about this topic and hope it will capture the imagination of all the children and help immerse them in their learning. As well as support their speech and language development through the learning of these stories and use of story language.

#### Snacks and lunch

Please continue to remember to send a **NAMED BOTTLE with water** in each day. Fruit snacks will also continue to be given to the children each morning. It's also lovely to see the children beginning to become much more independent during lunch time too.

#### 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. Talking to your child about the illustrations, what

might happen next, their favourite part, which characters they like or dislike etc, all helps to develop their comprehension of texts and supports the development of their story language. This term, we will also continue with our 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. We were so delighted that so many of you were able to come to our Reading Café last term. We have 2 sessions this term, dates below, and hope lots of you are able to come.

### **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 and shapes. 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.

### **Camden Kids Talk**

This term we are introducing Camden Kids Talk Stay and Play sessions. We hope that lots of you will be able to attend each session as there will be great tips to support the children with their communication skills. There will also be an activity each time for you to make with your child and take home. We really hope every child will have their parent at each session. A letter with more information is also going home today. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Forest School**

Forest School will resume in a few weeks. We will send out a message on Parent Hub 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 or 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 wool or string 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 to 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 our focus story, along with explaining the 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.

## Important Dates

- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January - Camden Kids Talk Stay and Play
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January - Nursery Class Tea
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February - Camden Kids Talk Stay and Play
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February - Reading Café 3-3.20pm
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term Holiday
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March- Camden Kids Talk Stay and Play
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Camden Kids Talk Stay and Play
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Reading Café 3-3.20pm
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Individual Parents Appointments
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Music Assembly
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - final day 2pm finish

If you have any questions, queries or ideas to share, please don't hesitate to ask.

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

Best wishes

Nicola and Rebecca

