

# **Fleet Primary School**

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Nursery Topic Letter Summer 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We all hope you all had a lovely Easter break. It's lovely to be back with all the children and adults in Nursery - I feel very privileged to be part of such a wonderful group this year and am so excited to enjoy the summer term with everyone.

We would also like to welcome our new children into the Nursery and say a big hello to their families!

This term our topic is called We are Super! As the children have shown a strong interest in superheroes all year, this topic will be based on many fantastic books all about superheroes - from the 'Supertato' story books, through to stories about super animals like 'Superworm' and looking at everyday superheroes we meet through our lives. Our topic has started with a focus on how we are all super and the children have been thinking about their own everyday superpowers. We are also starting to create our own secret superhero identities and part of this will be a long term project where each child in Nursery will design and create their own fabric superhero cape which they can bring home and keep.

Each week we will use a different book as a focus for the learning, which will stimulate opportunities for mark making, art, maths, speaking and listening amongst others. Please do check the noticeboard each week to find out about the learning for the week and any important notices.

We are very excited by this topic and know that, as well as being lots of fun, it will support the children's learning in lots of ways across the curriculum.

## Reading

This term in nursery, we will be promoting reading behaviours such as looking for the text on the page, using a pointing finger on the words, turning pages independently and more. We share lots of books through the day and the children really enjoy listening to stories, which is such a wonderful way to help develop so many communication and language skills and promote an enjoyment of books and reading.

Please remember our book changing days are Tuesday and Thursday, but don't worry if your child would like to keep the same books for longer as listening to familiar stories is so important.

We will also be enjoying some 'Buddy Reading' sessions with Year 3, which is lots of fun for both year groups.

At home you can help your child by:

- Taking time to talk with your child
- Reading together every day
- Visiting a library to choose books to share
- Reading yourself where your child can see you
- Letting your child handle the book and turn the pages
- Giving books as rewards
- Listening to books online
- Playing board games together
- $\circ\;$  Re-reading favourite books again and again
- Reading recipes together and baking

## Writing

This term we will be encouraging the children to get involved with lots of mark making and writing opportunities. This topic will have many exciting ways to get writing and drawing - from creating superhero messages in our role play area -Superhero HQ, to designing and writing about superhero gadgets and writing about our focus stories.

The children really enjoyed lots of story making last term with our topic and 'Make it up Mondays' where the children 'write' and draw their own stories, and Helicopter Story sessions where we act out the stories they create - we will continue these through this term - we love hearing and seeing the stories they create!

We will also be continuing to support the children to have a go at writing their name and any other special words to them.

The most important thing is that writing is fun! We will provide lots of opportunities to write throughout the day, through both play and when working with an adult, so the children are excited and motivated to take part and see themselves as 'super writers', which they all are!

Ideas for home...

- Get Messy! Cover a kitchen worktop/table with flour and use fingers to make marks/write in it.
- Put bubble bath mixture in the bottom of the bath. Draw or write in the mixture before filling it up with water.
- Squirt Sounds Fill a water bottle up then go outside and squirt letters on the concrete. This is fun for drawing too. Can they write their name before it dries up?
- Chalk Fun Fill up the pavement with lots of letters and drawings. They could also practice writing numbers.
- Draw/write with a glue stick. Sprinkle anything from your kitchen cupboard over the glue, or maybe even glitter.
- Salt Dough Make the letters from their name using salt dough. Cook, paint and decorate.

Ingredients - 1 cup salt, 2 cups flour, 1 cup warm water. Mix it all together. Bake in the oven on a low heat until it hardens.

We will continue to learn a focus sound each week as part of our phonics and will be playing lots of games where we listen for the different sounds in words. Please visit the Little Wandle link sent out on Parenthub last term for more support with this or do ask me if you would like to know more about how to support your child with phonics. Our poems and rhymes will also continue - the children are so good at remembering lots of these now!

#### Camden Kids Talk

Thank you to everyone who was able to come along to the Friday stay and play sessions. We hope you found them fun and supportive. We will continue to support the children with their communication and language development through targets discussed at the recent parent meetings - do ask if you need another copy of the targets.

### **Mathematics**

Mathematics activities will link to our topic wherever possible. The children will continue to count objects to 10, and beyond, using interesting concrete materials as motivators. They will continue to represent numbers using their fingers, marks on paper and begin to write numerals. Positional language will also be a focus this term such as above, below, behind and in front. We will continue to learn about shapes and make comparisons between objects relating to size, length, weight and capacity, as well as looking for and creating repeating patterns.

### Healthy Movers

We will continue with our weekly Healthy Movers games and send the sheets home for you to join in too. Later this term, we will also have a Healthy Movers themed Stay and Play session where you can come and join in the fun!

## Supervised Toothbrushing

The children are just amazing at brushing their teeth and love the session each day! We are so proud of how well they have taken to this new routine and how quick they are to remind us when it is time to brush our teeth - they make sure we join in too!

## **Forest School**

We are excited that Forest School will be beginning again on Fridays, starting very soon! I will let you know via Parenthub and on the noticeboard before the first session. Forest School will be every Friday morning for the term, and children will need wellies (if there has been lots of wet weather) or suitable shoes - no sandals even in warm weather please.

#### Promoting independence

We are continuing to foster all the children's independence and there are a number of ways you can help your child with this:

- Please can your child come to nursery, and can you send in, clothes that they are able to change out of and into with minimal support. Please can you regularly check that your child also has spare clothes in their bag – ask a Nursery adult if you are unsure. Thank you.
- Shoes with Velcro are great to foster this independence, particularly as the children can enjoy numerous dressing up opportunities during the day. Please only send your child in laces if they are able to fasten them themselves. Also, as we move into summer, please ensure your child's choice of footwear enables them to safely use our climbing equipment. Pumps/trainers or sandals that have straps to make sure they are secure are great for this.
- Encourage your child to show you how they can eat by themselves and go to the toilet by themselves they are so good at this in Nursery now.

#### Important Nursery Dates (more to follow)

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May - May Day (No school) Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May - Half Term Holiday Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Inset Day (No School) Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Trip to London Zoo Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Final day of the summer term - 2pm finish

## Transition into Reception

For the children moving to Reception at Fleet in September, we will have transition sessions later in the term to help support their move. I will update you on these nearer the time.

Thank you for your continued support and please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

Best wishes

Rebecca

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