

Nursery Newsletter

Welcome to Dinnington First School Nursery. I am sure we are going to have a fantastic year together.

The first two weeks gradual introduction into Nursery will allow the children to find their feet and become familiar with their surroundings and our routines. We are always aware of the differing abilities and attitudes within the class, and remain flexible as to the needs of the individual. The staff are always available to discuss any worries you may have concerning your child settling in or his/her development.

As the children settle in this half term we work towards a number of targets that we feel most children should meet. For example, become familiar with adults and peers and their learning environment, interact with their peers, understand to wait for a turn and share, select preferred resources and activities but be willing to try others, follow routines and co-operate with the boundaries that are set. Children will be asked to answer their name at registration, join in a group singing and rhyme session, sit and listen to a story, follow simple instructions and communicate with others effectively. We will encourage and support each child towards these targets and beyond for those who are able, always seeing each child as an individual.

The first theme we will follow is titled; 'Settling In' and this will last for four weeks. We will then focus on 'Ten Town' for the remaining part of the term. Ten Town focuses on number recognition through stories, songs and games.

We will send home a nursery rhyme booklet containing a selection of rhymes that we will be following in Nursery; for you and your child to sing together.

During week three children will take part in weekly Debutots sessions in the hall. These sessions focus on learning through story, drama and play.

Physically we hope children will hold a paint brush and pencil and use them in the best way they can, use large tweezers to strengthen their fine motor coordination, attempt cutting with scissors, communicate their need for the toilet, begin to manage their own clothes in the bathroom and during hall sessions, handle small and large construction equipment and be willing to climb and jump off equipment safely.

There is also a bookcase of books for loan outside the Nursery. Please feel free to take a book home to share with your child and return it when you have finished with it.

Finally, please make sure your child has a change of clothes in a named bag and also ensure that toys are left at home unless we ask for specific items linked to the theme we are following. Please make sure your child has a coat and suitable outdoor clothing as they will have the opportunity to do outdoor activities. We would appreciate any contributions to our fruit basket which will be gratefully accepted.

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