

Foundation Stage Newsletter Autumn 2 2019

Nursery- Spiders, Ladybirds and Caterpillars

We have had a really successful first half term and we hope your child has enjoyed themselves as much as we have! A very warm Priory Rise welcome to our November new starters. We are looking forward to working together to support your child's learning journey. This half term our topic is 'Celebrations'. Here is some information about the skills and knowledge your child will be learning linked to this topic.

Communication and Language: [extending attention span, recalling events in stories, using questions, following instructions, using 'and' and 'because', learning and performing Christmas songs,](#)

Physical development: [Changing into Christmas costumes, drawing and tracing using whole hand grip, using stairs, running, using space, scissor skills, grip on tools](#)

Personal, social and emotional development: [turn taking and sharing, how we treat others, understanding self feelings, making friends and joining play with others, feeling proud of achievements](#)

Literacy: [mark making, writing for different purposes.](#)

Numeracy: [recognising numbers to 5, counting with 1:1 correspondence, shape walks.](#)

Understanding of the world: [comparing families and ourselves, local environment.](#)

Expressive arts and design: [junk modeling, construction kits, performing songs and movement](#)

Staff: Miss Giles - Nursery Teacher - Spiders Key Worker
Mrs Deeks - Nursery Nurse - Caterpillars Key Worker
Mrs Watson - Nursery Nurse (mornings) - Ladybirds Key Worker
Miss Tandy - Nursery Nurse (afternoons) - Ladybirds Key Worker
Mrs Satheesh - Teaching Assistant

Weekly Routine

Nursery children will visit the library on a Thursday morning and a Tuesday afternoon; ask your child about the stories they have enjoyed. Please remember to return your child's library book on the day that they will be visiting the library, we will change these books weekly.

Dance and movement activities will take place on Wednesday mornings and Monday afternoons in the big hall.

Miss Giles will take her PPA on Tuesday afternoons and this will be covered by Miss Smith (Higher level teaching assistant).

Session times are as follows:

Morning 8.50 to 11.50 am (Please do not bring your child before 8.50) Afternoon 12.20 to 3.20 pm.

Entrance to the Nursery is via the gates from the courtyard. All children must be brought into the building and handed over to members of staff. It is important that you ensure your child is brought to school and is collected on time.

Buggies are not allowed into the building during these times.

Home Learning

We have really enjoyed sharing your child's amazing achievements at home. Upload pictures and videos to Tapestry. Here are a few examples:

- **Getting dressed by themselves**
- **Trying new food**
- **Learning to ride a horse**
- **Counting to 20 independently**



The children really enjoy celebrating their achievements with their friends.

Christmas Party

On Thursday 19th December it will be our Christmas Party Day. As part of these celebrations we will be visited by Ragdolly Annas. We may also have another special visitor on this day - watch this space!

Christmas Fair

Each child will have opportunity to make something festive which will go on sale at the Christmas fair, Friday 6th December 4-6pm. These will be available for you to buy on our stall.

Clothing

As the weather is getting colder, please ensure your child has a winter coat and hats/gloves in school. Remember also to label your child's belongings. If your child would like to access the mud kitchen, please bring in a pair of named wellies.

Reading Vipers

We will be sending home some little treasury tagged booklets for you to keep. Within these booklets are some suggestions of questions you might like to use when reading with your child, to support their comprehension of texts.

Tapestry - Learning Journeys

There was some terrific feedback from parents at consultation evenings about Tapestry, we are so glad you are enjoying it. Thank you to everyone who has uploaded something from home too, it is wonderful to see. Just a friendly reminder that Tapestry is for positive learning comments and no images should be screen shot. If there are any issues for discussion - please see your child's key worker.

Creative Modeling

Our children love to be creative so please could you save us small boxes, yoghurt pots, kitchen rolls, bottle tops and anything else you think we can use as creative media. We are sorry to say that we cannot accept cardboard tubes from toilet rolls or boxes which have contained nut products.

Christmas Performance

Nursery children will be performing a selection of Christmas songs for your enjoyment. This will take place in the small hall on Thursday 5th December at 9.15am and 2.30pm. 2 tickets per family will be issued nearer the time. If your child attends Nursery all day then you 2 tickets per performance will be issued. We hope to dress up for this too. This year, our costume will be a red or green t-shirt and in school the children will make a party hat to go with their outfit. Please bring your child's t-shirt to school by Monday 3rd December in a named bag.

Finally...

A really big thank you for your help and support during our first half term. We are now looking forward to another successful half term at Priory Rise Nursery.

