

Foundation Stage Newsletter Spring 2 2020

Nursery- Spiders, Ladybirds and Caterpillars

The children have returned to school rested and well after a well needed break.

Thank you for all for your continued support at school.

This half term our topic continues to be 'The World Around Us'. Here is some information about the skills and knowledge your child will be learning linked to this topic.

Communication and Language: *Developing their storytelling skills through the use of Pie Corbett actions, retelling familiar stories and beginning to anticipate key events and phrases.*

Physical Development: *Becoming increasingly independent in own self-care (taking shoes and socks off for PE), drawing and tracing using a two finger and thumb grip, using stairs, running, successfully negotiating obstacles and space, developing confidence with using one handled tools and equipment.*

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: *Turn taking and sharing, how we treat others, understanding our own feelings and the feelings of others, making friends and joining play with others, feeling proud of achievements.*

Literacy: *mark making, name writing, beginning to form some recognisable letters.*

Numeracy: *Recognising numbers to 10, counting with 1:1 correspondence, beginning to recognise and talk about common 2D shapes.*

Understanding of the World: *Using a range of ICT equipment and technological toys, talking about significant family events, beginning to look at how and why things change.*

Expressive Arts and Design: *Movement and dance activities, junk modelling, making masks, building with a variety of small and large construction toys.*

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 Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings; ask your child about the stories they have enjoyed. Please remember to return your child's library book on these days, so that they get a new book to share with you.

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

Miss Giles will take her PPA on Monday afternoons and 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 the members of staff. It is important that you ensure your child is brought to school, and collected, on time.

Buggies are not allowed into the building during these times.

Drama Workshop

We are very excited to be welcoming a company new to Priory Rise to deliver a drama workshop based on the Very Hungry Caterpillar. Please ensure you have returned your child's permission slip and participation fee. The workshop will take place on Friday 27th March.

Coronavirus

If you have any concerns about COVID-19, please click the link to read about the Governments guidance to dealing with the virus.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Reading Bugs

Our reading bugs appear to have been a huge success with the children. We are currently having small competition between key groups...whose bug will be read to the most? There will be a small prize for the winning key group at the end of the term.

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March is World Book Day: we are celebrating this across the school. In Nursery we are asking children to bring their favourite bedtime story to share. Your child may wish to dress up in their PJs and bring a teddy to snuggle with too.

Dough Disco

As part of our new routines we have implemented daily 'Dough Disco' sessions. This is a fun way of using play dough linked with a series of hand and finger exercises designed to improve fine muscle control. The movements develop children's fine and gross motor dexterity, hand-eye coordination and self-esteem. The children have all really enjoyed giving the dough a good squeeze! Ask them what their favourite 'Dough Disco' move is?

Phonics

Our phonics sessions this half term are all about Rhythm and Rhyme. We will be singing lots of nursery rhymes and reading stories which include words that rhyme. We have all enjoyed reading the series of stories from 'Oi frog' Ask your child to tell you what 'Lions sit on'...

Science Week

The week beginning 9th March we will be focusing on Science across the school. The theme this year is 'Our Diverse Planet'. In Nursery we will be looking at recycling, single use plastic, litter and sorting materials. Please save for us any junk modelling items for our activities.

Tips for reading with children

- **Set aside some time**
Find somewhere quiet without any distractions - turn off the TV/radio/computer.
- **Ask your child to choose a book**
Sharing books they have chosen shows you care what they think and that their opinion matters. This means they are more likely to engage with the book.
- **Sit close together**
Encourage your child to hold the book themselves and/or turn the pages.
- **Point to the pictures**
If there are illustrations, relate them to something your child knows. Ask them to describe the characters or situation or what will happen next. Encourage them to tell you the story by looking at the pictures.
- **Encourage your child to talk about the book**
Talking about the characters and their dilemmas helps children understand relationships and is an excellent way for you to get to know each other or discuss difficult issues. Give your child plenty of time to respond.

- Ask them what will happen next, how a character might be feeling or how the book makes them feel.
- **And lastly, above all - make it fun!**
It doesn't matter how you read with a child, as long as you both enjoy the time together. Don't be afraid to use funny voices - children love this!

Parents Evening

Thank you to all the parents who attended the meetings with their child's key worker. It was really wonderful to have your input/feedback but also to share your child's progress. Remember our door is always open; if there are any problems do not hesitate to see your child's key worker.

School Allocation - 16th April 2019

It is nearly that time of year again when we find out which Primary school your child will be going to. We are really excited to see who got a place at Priory Rise.

