

Foundation Stage Newsletter Spring 1 2020

Nursery- Spiders, Ladybirds and Caterpillars

Happy New year!

Welcome back and I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed our Christmas performances. The children worked very hard and we were all really proud of them! We are looking forward to working together to support your child's learning journey. Here is some information about the skills and knowledge your child will be learning.

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

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.**

School Places

Please be reminded that Wednesday 15th January is the deadline for applying for your child's school place. Please make sure that you have received a confirmation email from the council to make sure your application has been received.

Learning Journeys

A huge thank you to all the families who have contributed to the Learning Journeys on Tapestry over the holiday period, it has been amazing to see what the children have been up to. Thank you for all the photographs, clips and support on this.

Encouraging Independence

We are working hard to help the children become independent, so we would be extremely grateful if you could encourage your child to get dressed independently. We will be continuing our Dance and Movement sessions in the small hall where we expect all children to try and take off their own shoes and socks by themselves. Please take pictures and share these on Tapestry. The children enjoy sharing their successes and we love seeing them too.

Creative Modeling

Thank you for all your junk modeling donations. Our children love to be creative so please could you continue to 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.

Reading Bugs

Reading is one of the most important skills your child will learn to do on their educational journey. The ability to read with stamina and fluency will open the world to them. Each week a different child will be selected at random to take home their 'key groups reading bug'. A card will be attached to the bug and should be used by parents to initial and date when your child has; read to, read with or shared a book with the bear at home. We hope you will enjoy the exciting reading adventure of seeing your child develop a love of books and reading.

Parent's Evening

Parent's Evening will take place on the last week of this half term - 4pm-7pm Wednesday 12th February and 3.30pm-6pm Thursday 13th February. This will be an opportunity for you to book a 10 minute appointment with your child's key worker to talk about their achievements and next steps. You will receive further information about Parent's Evening in the upcoming weeks.

Finally...

We had a really successful Autumn term and the Nursery team wants to say a very big thank you! We are looking forward to another great half term at Priory Rise Nursery.

