



# Nursery Newsletter

## Autumn 1 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Annie Lennard Primary School. We hope you all had a lovely summer and we are so pleased to welcome your child to Nursery class.

The children will be taught by Mrs Bavin and Mrs Wildman each morning. The session runs every weekday from 8.45-11.45am.

We have lots of fun activities planned to help the children enjoy their learning at Nursery and the children will soon settle into their pre-school routines.

Most mornings we will spend some time working and playing with Mrs Brookes, Miss Tibbetts and the children in Reception class. We call this time 'Pick and Mix' which is our child initiated learning. This is where the children will be able to choose activities to support their learning within our Early Years Bubble. This will include both indoor and outdoor activities so please remember to send your child to Nursery equipped with clothing to support the weather that day.

The topic this half term is 'Marvellous Me'.

We will be doing lots of fun (and sometimes messy!) activities relating to this topic.

As part of this topic we will look at ourselves, discussing our emotions, our names, what we look like and we will explore families.

REQUEST: If you haven't already, please send a photo of your child's family into school. We would like to display a photo of your family in our home corner (this can be photocopied if you prefer) to help support our topic but also comfort your child in seeing your faces in the classroom.

At the start of a topic we create a 'mind map' to find out what the children already know about our topic and also what they would like to find out. This means we can plan activities linked to the children's interests as well as skills and objectives we would like them to focus on.

Please see the overview of planning for this half term. This shows you the skills and objectives we will be covering in all the areas of learning.

In Communication, Language and Literacy we will be getting used to hearing and telling stories. Our focus story this half term is 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'.

We will also be developing our language skills around our topic and extend our vocabulary e.g. body parts, family members, emotions etc.

The children will have a daily 'phonics' session where we will be working from Letters and Sounds Phase 1. This Phase supports children with their auditory skills. Our initial focus during these sessions, for this half term will be exploring and discriminating sounds we find all around us.

Your child will bring a book home to share with you and they will read to us once a week.

REMINDER: The day will often vary so it is very important that their book bag is in school every day.

In Physical Development, we will explore lots of activities to support both gross and fine motor control. This is all in preparation for early writing. Your child will be having PE sessions throughout their time at Nursery. You will be told in advance when your child has a PE session as we will request that they come to school in sportswear/comfortable clothing and footwear. However these more formal sessions won't start until the children are settled into Nursery life.

Through weekly Personal, Social and Emotional (PSED) sessions the children will look at 'Being Me in my World'— finding out about ourselves, each other, our likes, dislikes, feelings, our classroom, the school, staff, rules, routines, expectations, etc.

In Mathematics the topics are split between 'Number' and 'Shape, Space and Measure'.

In Number sessions the children will become familiar with number names, practise reciting numbers in order and will be introduced to digits and value.

In Shape, Space and Measure the children will be developing their

understanding of time, including establishing routines and knowing days of the week. We will begin familiarising ourselves with shapes within our environment and practise describing them.

To support all areas of learning the children will be taking part in some messy and sensory activities so it is important that they do not come to school in their best clothes.

Please ensure all belongings are named.

Your child will have a coat peg and a water bottle label, but at the end of each day we try to give out all belongings not accounted for, which if they are not named can be very difficult.

As the children settle into school life, they will begin to receive homework tasks, which will be sent home on a Friday. This may be a one off piece of work or a project that will be requiring more time. All of these activities and tasks support the children's learning so we appreciate your support with this. These will be most likely delivered via Tapestry. It is important that you have filled out the relevant paper work to enable you to access parent log in for Tapestry. This log in will also enable you to view some of your child's weekly Nursery achievements.

WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL NEED EVERYDAY REMINDER:

- Book bag (with their reading book and reading record in)
- A full water bottle
- Appropriate outdoor clothing

- Change of clothes

*If your child is currently toilet training, please bring your child to Nursery in pants/knickers and put lots of spare clothes in their bag. This is something we will be working on during the first half term in Nursery.*

- A healthy snack  
The children will receive a healthy snack option each morning from us. However if you wish you may send them with a preferred

fruit/vegetable snack. Please do not send your child to school with any other food.

In Early Years we love working with Parent/Carers to help support your child's learning journey.

Unfortunately due to the current Covid Guidelines, we are prohibited from inviting you into school at this time and it is important that you keep at 2 metre distance from the Nursery door. (Please share this information with anybody who regularly drops off or collects your child from Nursery)

Please bear with us during this time - our priority is to keep everybody safe.

We endeavour to maintain communications with you and let you know any important information about your child and their day.

We hope to invite you into workshops and theme days very soon, but in the meantime, please familiarise yourself with the school website and Tapestry, but of course call the school or email

[YearN.als@annielennard.sandwell.sch.uk](mailto:YearN.als@annielennard.sandwell.sch.uk) for any concerns.

Many thanks for your support,

Mrs Bavin and Mrs Wildman