



Nursery Newsletter

Autumn 2 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We can hardly believe we have already completed a half term and we are welcoming you back again. All Nursery children have amazed us with how well they have settled into the morning routine of Nursery and all children are able to separate from their parent/carer most mornings with confidence and a smile on their faces. This really is such a fantastic achievement and we are very proud of each one of them.

The children will continue to be taught by Mrs Bavin and Mrs Wildman each morning and this half term we will also be joined by a student teacher Mrs Deyab.

The morning session continues to run every weekday from 8.45-11.45am.

The topic this half term is 'Celebrations'.

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

As part of this topic we will look at what, why and how we celebrate; discussing events such as Bonfire Night, Diwali, and Christmas etc.

We will be working on an Early Years Nativity this year although our performance will be without an audience, we are working on ways to continue to involve parents/carers in our festivities.

Parental involvement

We hope you are all now set up with a parent log in for Tapestry (our online learning journey platform) as this enables us to share your child's WOW moments with you as well as sharing messages and homework with you also. This will continue to be done on a weekly basis.

Thank you to all those families who are completing, sharing homework and producing other home learning activities. We love to see what the children get up to at home and the children love to share this with their friends in class too. In Early Years, parental input is so important in order to gain a

full picture of each child. Each parent observation helps to build up evidence towards your child's learning objectives.

Curriculum coverage

In Communication, Language and Literacy we will be becoming familiar with the Nativity story by learning songs and re-enacting the story.

We will continue to 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 continue to share and read a book with us once a week.

Please share this at home too and continue to keep the books safe in the plastic school bag provided.

REMINDER: The day your child reads 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.

Through weekly Personal, Social and Emotional (PSED) sessions the children will look at 'Celebrating Difference'.

In Mathematics we will continue to work on number rhymes and reciting numbers in sequence. We will steadily be introducing digit recognition with the children and developing an understanding of quantity.

We will also be exploring the story 'Dear Santa' and looking at shapes and sizes of objects and presents.

Additional Reminders

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 has 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.

WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL NEED EVERYDAY:

- Book bag (with their reading book and reading record in)
- A full water bottle
- Appropriate outdoor clothing
- Change of clothes (is useful for every child- due to messy play etc.)
- 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 and of course call the school or email

YearN.als@annielennard.sandwell.sch.uk for any concerns.

Many thanks for your support,

Mrs Bavin and Mrs Wildman