



## Nursery Newsletter - Autumn Term 2 2018



Welcome back to nursery! We hope you all had a restful half term break and are ready for the busy term ahead!

Our topic for this term is LIGHT and DARK and we shall be exploring changes to the day, the weather, shadow, lights that keep us safe (traffic lights, lighthouses etc) and space. Within this term there are many wonderful, special days to celebrate. We shall be thinking about: Halloween, Bonfire night, Thanksgiving, Diwali and of course, Christmas!

### Thank you

The new children have settled extremely well into nursery. We would like to say thank you for helping us to establish our nursery routines with the children. By encouraging them to hang up their own coat and bag and taking their picture card over to the self-register, the children are becoming more independent and can take pride in being able to do things for themselves.

### Clothing

As the cold weather creeps in, the big coats are coming out! At nursery, we ask the children to have a go at putting their coats on independently before we offer help. Please could we ask that you encourage this at home too. In addition, please can we remind you to name **ALL** items of clothing.

### Interactive Learning Diaries (ILD)

By now, you should have received a letter containing details about how to register on the Parent Portal on the ILD. If you haven't already, please do register so that you are able to see your child's observations. It is a great way to see what they have been up to during their days at nursery. Thank you to the parents that have already started adding observations - we have looked at them during group times. The children loved seeing their faces on the big screen and showing their friends what they have been doing outside of school.

### Lunch Boxes

Can we remind you that we are a 'nut free' school due to children's allergies. Please do not include any items that contain nuts in the children's lunch boxes (For example, peanut butter sandwiches).

## The Rhyming Challenge

The rhyming challenging is going very well! We have already learnt many of the rhymes and actions and the children really enjoy the group times when we practise them. In the first week back, we will be sending a copy of the rhymes home so that you are able to practise at home too! We hope to have learnt all of the rhymes by the end of this term and will then be sending home their well-deserved certificates for taking part.

## Parent Helpers

We are delighted that a number of you have offered to help out in the nursery. This enables us to offer the children valuable additional experiences such as cooking. However, we prefer to wait for the children to be fully settled into nursery life before we begin these sessions. Before being able to help, it is a requirement that you complete the necessary paperwork and this can be obtained via Lisa Peet in the main office.

## Wow Wall

Our nursery Wow wall is currently looking a little bare, so this is a gentle reminder to please share with us any of your child's achievements from home. From learning to ride a bike to simply dressing themselves, we'd love to hear about it, and share it with the rest of the children. You can send in photos, tickets, certificates to copy or simply write a note that we can put up. The same applies to any exciting news or events they take part in; from the birth of a new baby to a day out at a park please do feel free to share! Alternatively, photos and comments can be uploaded to the ILD if you prefer.

## Christmas Nursey Trip

We are very excited to tell you that we have planned a Christmas trip to West Lodge Farm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. **ALL** nursery children are invited and should be accompanied by a parent/carer. More details are to follow. The farm offers a visit to Father Christmas and a live nativity, where the children are encouraged to participate. It is a fabulous festive experience for the children and we hope you can all join us!

## Christmas sing-a-long.

You are all invited to our nursery Christmas sing-a-long on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am in the Morrison hall. Further details to follow.

*Here's to an exciting term ahead!*

*Miss Emerson + Mrs Walker ☺*

## Autumn Term 2 Learning Overview

**Personal, Social and Emotional** We shall continue to focus on sharing resources and playing turn taking games. We shall also support the children to build friendships and work on reinforcing our routines. The children will be encouraged to share their thoughts and experiences around the many special days and celebrations that happen this time of year, such as Bonfire night and Christmas.

**Communication and Language** The children will be taking part in various listening games to develop their attention skills. We will encourage the children to speak and listen to each other during their play and at group times. By talking about the different celebrations throughout the term, the children will learn related vocabulary.

**Physical Development** This term we shall be introducing the children to the school hall for PE. This will include taking shoes and socks on and off so please begin to practise this at home. During PE sessions we will be using apparatus and exploring interesting ways to move to music. We shall continue to work on fine motor skills by completing 'funky fingers' challenges and encouraging the children to hold mark making tools with a tri-pod grip. In addition, we will continue to focus on self-care, e.g. toileting / washing hands with the children that require our help.

**Literacy** We shall be continuing our 'rhyming challenge' as well as listening to lots more stories relating to our topic. We will support the children in being able to recognise their own name, and some will start to think about writing some letters from their name. The children will also be introduced to the school library in the Red Kite building and continue to have many opportunities to make marks or write in a variety of ways.

**Maths** We shall be consolidating recognising numerals 1-5 and begin to work on 6-10. There will be opportunities to make 'shape pictures' using 2D shapes and we will continue to sing number songs and rhymes during group times. We shall also be introducing Numicon and talking about the numbers in the environment, such as those on advent calendars.

**The World** We shall be very busy in this area learning about all of the special days that happen during this term – Halloween, Bonfire night, Diwali, Thanksgiving and Christmas. We shall explore 'light and dark' by playing in a dark den with torches, talking about shadows and changes to the day and season. The children will also enjoy the Christmas West Lodge trip where they will learn the story of the first Christmas.

**Expressive Arts and Design** We shall be creating topic related art such as firework pictures, Rangoli patterns for Diwali and Christmas cards. We will be preparing for our Christmas sing-a-long by learning songs ready to perform to you! During PE and the Christmas party we will be dancing and moving to different types of music.

