Nursery Newsletter

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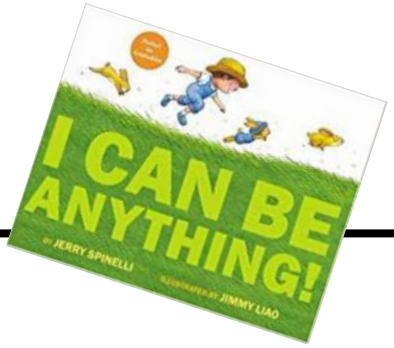

Our topic this half term is: **Settling In and All About Me**

Who looks after me?

Welcome to our first Nursery newsletter for this year. We are looking forward to the children settling in and making lots of new friends. They will soon learn the nursery routines, and we cannot wait to have some stay and play sessions with you, which will happen throughout the year. We will all do our best to help with any problems and queries you may have, so please if you are worried about anything, or are unclear about our routines, just ask – we are very friendly!

This term children will learn about playing with others, the behaviour that is expected in Nursery and becoming familiar with the setting. They will think about their families and friends. They will begin to talk about their feelings and begin to learn how others may have different feelings to them. Children will also think about how they have changed since they were babies.

Payment for lunchtimes and extra sessions – charges are as follows:

School meal £3.10

Additional sessions £20

These costings are explained in our Nursery Admissions Policy. Payments should be made online using Arbor. We also ask that you pay in advance.

Please note that we cannot guarantee additional sessions, and these will be reviewed on a termly basis.

We ask that children chose *either* packed lunch or a school meal for a half term – we cannot mix and match during the term or week.

Children have a small snack (fruit, milk or water) in the morning and afternoon sessions, so they only need to bring a named water bottle, a packed lunch if on packed lunches and a change of clothes (please label items). Thank you.

Maths

In maths we will be doing lots of counting activities, representing numbers using fingers, talking about numbers special to the children and singing lots of number-based nursery rhymes and songs.

We will talk to the children about immediate, past and future, using the vocabulary, 'before', 'later' or 'soon'.

We will also talk about the position of objects and each other using words such as under, on, inside, between etc.

Literacy

In literacy we will be encouraging the children to make marks with a variety of different materials. We want them to give meaning to the marks they make – to talk about their pictures and their 'writing'. We will read lots of books about our topic, as well as favourite books and traditional tales.



Dates to remember …

Wednesday 23rd September - Individual photographs, more information to follow.

Stay and Play Sessions Wednesday 14th October 8.45-9.30 am and 12.15-1.00 pm (these are when parents/carers or other family members are invited to stay in the Nursery to play and enjoy a variety of activities).

Friday 23rd October – Break up for half term. Return Tuesday 3rd November.

You can help by…

- Practising counting with your child to 10 and beyond.
- Making sure that your child's name is in their clothes – particularly jumpers and cardigans.
- Reading your child lots of stories and asking them questions about the characters, settings and what might happen next!
- Singing/saying nursery rhymes.
- Encouraging your child to draw pictures and talk about what they have drawn.
- Encouraging your child to have a healthy packed lunch and provide them with a water bottle.

There's no app that can replace a lap!