

Nursery Class Newsletter

2nd half autumn term 2018



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new half term. We hope that you have had a wonderful holiday. Many of the children have been telling us what they did during half term. It is lovely that the children are so keen to speak about the exciting things that they have been doing.

Thank you to those of you who have brought in photographs of your families. The children have loved sharing their photographs with their friends and talking about who is in their family. If you haven't already done so, please remember to bring in your family photo.

We are a Rights Respecting school and to help the children understand what this means, we have two Rights Respecting bears named Bubbles (for the morning children) and Woody (for the afternoon children). These bears will be going home with children who have been showing rights respecting behaviour. The bears will come with a camera so you can take photos of the things that your child and Bubbles/Woody do together.

We love cooking in the early years and we love parents coming in to share their cooking skills with the children and talking about dishes that are special to them. If you would like to help us cook at school please let us know.

Our half termly topic this term is: Celebrations and Christmas

What we will be learning as part of our topic: we will continue to develop the children's understanding of the world through our outside environment and by observing the changes in the seasons. We will also be looking at the many celebrations that will take place this half term such as Bonfire Night and Christmas. We will be looking at the different ways people celebrate and help the children speak about important events in their lives.

In Literacy we will be learning: the children have really enjoyed learning nursery rhymes and continue to join in with singing and saying rhymes. We will be focusing on some of the rhymes they know and turn them into stories. This helps the children learn how stories are structured. The children will be retelling them to each other and doing lots of activities linked to the nursery rhymes. Some of the rhymes we will be learning in depth include, Incy Wincy Spider, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, Hickory Dickory Dock and Jack and Jill.

We are teaching the children to find their name card when they start their day so that they begin to recognise how their name is written. Those who are ready are having a go at mark making their initial letters or whole name. We like to point out who has the same beginning letter as each other as this is their first introduction to letters and print.

In phonics we will be listening carefully to sounds inside and outside the classroom. We will be going on a listening walk around Arnold Circus to see what sounds we can hear. We will also be learning about rhythm and trying to hear rhythm within their names and other words. The children love pointing to the sky when they hear an aeroplane and we encourage them to say what they can hear. You can practise this on your way to and from school. What sound do you think that is? Is it a car or a bus?

In Mathematics we will be learning: We will continue to develop the children's interest in number through counting rhymes and songs. They love singing songs such as '5 little monkeys jumping on the bed', '5 little speckled frogs', '5 little ducks went swimming one day' and '10 green bottles hanging on the wall'. This develops their understanding of counting and how many for each number as we represent the number using our fingers. We will be following CLIC which is also being followed by the rest of the school. CLIC helps children understand the concept of numbers.

The children enjoy knowing numbers that are special to them, for example their age, their birthday and their house number. Talk to your children about the numbers they can see out and about!

Things to remember:

- Remember! – school starts at 8:55. All children should be outside the blue gate each morning until a member of staff opens our doors.
- **Encourage your child to put their coat on by themselves!** The weather will be getting colder and your child will need a suitable coat ready for outdoor play. We are outside whatever the weather so the children need to learn to dress themselves independently.
- Book bags - ensure you bring your book bag every day for children to take home things they have made and school letters. Your child will choose a book from our class library on a Tuesday and a Thursday. Please share this book with your child and return it in their book bag.
- Spare clothes - please provide a named set of spare clothes on your child's peg. If your child goes home in borrowed items of clothing, please return them washed as soon as possible.
- Toys from home are not allowed to be brought to school
- Nail varnish and jewellery must not be worn at school
- Bottoms should be black or navy, **not** grey

Other information:

If you have any younger siblings, please come to our Toy library sessions every Wednesday from 9.00am to 10.30am and Messy Play on Thursdays from 9.00am to 10.30am. This enables your child to be ready for school when they start nursery and provides fun learning for you and your child.

If you ever have any concerns or would like to speak to us please feel free to do so! We are always happy to talk to you.

Best wishes from the class team: **Gloria - class teacher and Aysha - teaching assistant**