

# Nursery Newsletter Summer Term



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are looking forward to a busy summer term, with, hopefully, some nice weather allowing us to spend lots of time outdoors, learning in the outdoor play areas, visiting the environmental area and tending the vegetables we are growing.

Welcome to Miss Stodell working in the Nursery for a few weeks this term as a student teacher.

Our topic this term is Bears and this will provide the basis for our teaching and learning across the Foundation Stage curriculum.

In literacy we will be focusing on:

- listening to, retelling and acting out stories.
- recognising and writing our names.
- playing listening, rhyming and sound games.
- developing children's confidence as speakers.

In numeracy we will be:

- counting and ordering numbers.
- sorting objects into groups of colour, shape, size etc.
- exploring weighing and measuring activities
- encouraging the children to talk about their activities.
- learning and using mathematical vocabulary.

We will also be looking at:

- growth and lifecycles.
- looking at artists' work and creating our own pictures.
- developing skills with bats, balls etc.
- using the computer room regularly to support the children's learning.

After half term, we will be having a Teddy Bears' picnic and fun afternoon to which, of course, every child can invite their teddy (or cuddly equivalent!). More details to follow nearer the time.

Most children in Nursery will be starting school in September.

To prepare for school we will encourage them to:

- put on their coats themselves.
- dress themselves.
- look after their bags and belongings.
- go to the toilet themselves.

Please encourage your child to practise these skills at home.

We hope this information will be useful in helping you to support your child's learning in school. Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Priest  
Foundation Stage Co-ordinator

### Nursery Staff

Teacher: Mrs Williams

Nursery Assistants: Mrs. Buckner, Miss Fletcher, Mrs. Fullbrook and Mrs. Pegrum

Classroom Assistant: Mrs. Chaundy

## Have fun with your child this summer.

Now nights are lighter and the weather better (!) make the most of learning outdoors!

Balls, hula hoops, bats and skipping ropes are good (and relatively cheap) for developing fitness and physical skills for life and will complement the skills we will be working on in school.

A bucket of water and a paintbrush provide hours of fun and learning and no mess to clear up! If you have a path or patio children can 'paint' with water - pictures, patterns and even writing letters or messages. Talking about why the water disappears brings in science and leads on to talking about the sun, shadows and keeping safe.

It is a good time for farm visits, as there are often baby animals at this time, and exploring forests and country parks, looking for minibeasts. (but not bringing them home!)

If you go anywhere at all we would welcome the children bringing in a photo or memento to share with us and talk about their experiences as this helps them to develop skills and confidence as a speaker.