



Nursery Newsletter

Welcome to Nursery!

We hope you and your families have had a wonderful summer holiday! Thank you for your patience and support with the start days; as you know it is a very important transition period for the children who are new to nursery and the children need time to adjust to nursery life. We felt a staggered start was the best way to do this and the children have now settled in brilliantly.

Tapestry

The teachers have already begun observing the children whilst they learn both inside and outside the classroom on the online observation and assessment system called 'Tapestry'. Please check your emails so that you can see these observations too. You will be able to view how your child learns and see the next steps set by the teachers. These are noted down as 'ns'. You can either access 'Tapestry' through the online browser or by using the APP which can be downloaded on phones, tablets and ipads.

At home, you can also upload evidence of anything your child does to add to their profile. This can be a fun day out and learning completed at home. You can do this by logging in, pressing the '+' symbol and upload a video or picture along with a brief description of what the video or picture is about. We love seeing all your home observations and getting to know your child even more! Please contact a nursery member of staff if you are unable to login to 'Tapestry'.

Theme

This half term our theme is called '**Marvellous Me**'. We will be talking about ourselves and our families, along with sharing our interests.

The children will be given the chance to share information about themselves and their families. This will be done through key worker time on the week commencing **12 October**. In order to talk about their family, please can you upload photos of your family onto Tapestry prior to this date. This will give

the children a prompt to support them when they share their information. Please remember to practise what your child is going to share with the group.

Literacy

The children will be introduced to a new story every two weeks. This will be linked closely to our key theme. The children will be encouraged to draw themselves and their families.



Maths

The children will begin the year by focusing on using their fingers to count. They will recite number rhymes, particularly focusing on numbers to 5. Also, they will begin to explore shapes and use these to create their own pictures.

Understanding the World

Our aim is to encourage the children to become more independent throughout the school day. We are also trying to develop the children's confidence when dressing themselves, such as putting on their own coat when doing outdoor activities.

The children are able to access the outdoor area in all weathers, so now that we are entering Autumn, please remember to bring for your child, a pair of wellies, a hat, scarf and gloves to keep in school. Please make sure they have your child's name in and they can be placed under your child's peg for them to change into.

It is also very important to remember to bring a named water bottle filled with water, so your child can keep hydrated throughout the day.

Lunches

Each term a new menu for school dinners will be sent out via the MyEd app. All meals can be pre-ordered through the app on your mobile device or when your child arrives in school. We encourage you to pre-order meals at home so that you can see what your child has chosen. If your

child brings a packed lunch to school we ask you not to include chocolate bars or crisps. We also do not allow children to bring juice or fizzy drinks for their lunch. Some parents have been asking us how they can provide a healthy packed lunch for their children. Hopefully this picture will give you some ideas.



Classroom Rewards

In nursery, children are rewarded stamps for their effort, good behaviour, attainment, work they have produced and excellent/improved attendance. Each day a child will also have the opportunity to acquire further stamps based upon their positive attitudes. These stamps are recorded in nursery on individual stamp charts. For every hundred stamps, they will receive certificates. They will also receive badges which they can wear on their uniform. In addition, two children from nursery will be awarded 'The Star of the Week' for their hard work. This will be awarded every Wednesday and Friday.

Websites

Here is a list of websites that your child could use at home to support their learning.

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact a nursery member of staff.

Many thanks,
Miss Westwood, Mrs Fitzsimons, Mrs Kernick, Miss Wagstaff, Miss Hirst and Miss Newell

Please follow us on Twitter for daily updates of your child's learning.

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