



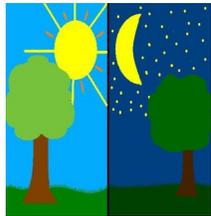
Nursery

Parent Newsletter Spring 2016

Miss Mather

A school where everyone shines.

Welcome back after the Christmas holiday!
We hope you have all had a great Christmas and wish you a happy and healthy new year.
Thank you so much for coming to watch the Christmas Sing-along. The children were wonderful and I hope you thoroughly enjoyed the show.

	<p><u>Learning Challenge—Night and Day—Where do the stars go at night?</u></p>
	<p>This week we have started our new learning challenge and have been exploring night and day. Over the half term we will be learning about the differences between night and day, the things people do during the different times and nocturnal animals. After watching Tim Peake launch into Space the children have been very interested in space and we will also be learning about the sky and thinking about where the moon and the stars go at night.</p>
<p><u>Letters & Sounds</u></p> 	<p>This half term the focus of our letters and sounds sessions will be body percussion. We will be singing action songs, accompanying songs with instruments and making sounds using the different parts of our body.</p>
<p><u>Literacy</u></p>	<p>In Literacy, we will continue learning and enjoying a variety of a traditional tales. The children have the opportunity to retell the stories through role play, hand puppets, finger puppets and story sacks. We are also learning the right way to follow a sentence by starting at the beginning and following the words from left to right.</p> <p>We support the development of the children's speaking and listening skills by providing lots of activities and opportunities to talk to each other and members of staff.</p>

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Subject	
<p>Mathematics</p> 	<p>In Maths, we are continuing counting out objects and saying the number names in order. We will be doing this by singing number songs, playing games and lots of fun practical activities.</p> <p>We will continue learning about 2D shapes. This will include recognising, naming the shapes and talking about what they are like e.g. a square has four sides and four corners. We will be going on shape hunts and having lots of shape activities for the children to further develop their knowledge.</p>
<p>P.E</p> 	<p>We have lots of physical activities in the Nursery for the children to develop their fine motor skills. We have scissors, large tweezers, nuts and bolts and a wide variety of writing media to help strengthen their fingers and hands in readiness for writing.</p> <p>We will continue our weekly hall sessions, developing the children's gross motor skills by climbing and jumping, using a variety of bats and balls and other smaller apparatus.</p>
<p>Special Times</p> 	<p>During the last week of term we will be celebrating Pancake Day. On Shrove Tuesday we will be eating pancakes, trying different toppings talking about and discussing likes and dislikes, and talking about family traditions.</p>

Please see over for information about general notices.

Thank you for all of your support during the first term. The children are all now well settled and are enjoying their time at Nursery.

Hall sessions

Please help support your child's independence during hall sessions by dressing them in clothes and shoes that are easy for them to take off and put back on themselves.

Library

We will be continuing with our Library sessions this term. The children are enjoying the opportunity to choose a book to take home and share with their family. Their book does not need to be changed on a weekly basis if they would like to keep it for a longer period of time.

Remember to keep an eye on the windows and doors in and around the Nursery, the school website and don't forget to follow us on Twitter @brooklandsprim1 for any other news or events which happen before our next half-termly newsletter.

If there is anything you are unsure of, have any questions or would like to know how to further support you child, please feel free to come and speak to me. Your child's success is of paramount importance to us both.

Miss N Mather
Nursery Teacher