



Nursery

Parent Newsletter  
Summer 2016

Miss Mather

A school where everyone shines.

Welcome back after the Easter holidays!

We hope you had a lovely break, with lots of Easter eggs and are now enjoying the lighter nights.

	<p><u>Learning Challenge—What happened to Jack's beans?</u></p>
	<p>This week we have started our new learning challenge and have introduced this by reading Jack and the Beanstalk. During this half term will be looking at seeds and plants, what they need to grow, the names of the parts of plants and how to care for them. We will each be growing our own bean and taking photographs of the different stages we see.</p>
<p><u>Letters and Sounds</u></p> 	<p>This half term the focus of our letters and sounds sessions will be segmenting and blending. We will be singing sounding out the word songs, and playing lots of sounding out and blending games.</p>
<p><u>Literacy</u></p> 	<p><u>Reading</u> We will continue learning and enjoying a variety of traditional tales, particularly Jack and the Beanstalk. We are also learning the right way to follow a sentence by starting at the beginning and following the words from left to right. We will also be looking at a range of non-fiction books about seeds and growing plants.</p> <p><u>Speaking and Listening</u> 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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<b>Subject</b>	
<p><b>Mathematics</b></p> 	<p>In Number, we are continuing counting out objects, adding two sets of objects and counting how many there are altogether 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>In shape, space and measures We will continue learning about 2d shapes. We will also be measuring the length and height of objects around the nursery and outside in the playground.</p>
<p><b>Physical Development</b></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 childrens' gross motor skills by climbing and jumping, using a variety of bats and balls and other smaller apparatus in preparation for our upcoming Sports Day (Dates and times to follow when a date has been finalised)</p>
<p><b>Meet the family</b></p> 	<p>We would like to introduce you to a family the children will become very familiar with during their time in school.</p> <p>To prepare them for these reading books we will be sending home a bingo board with the character pictures and matching cards. This is to help the children recognise and name the characters. We would ask for your support by playing this with your child.</p> <p>Once your child can recognise and name the six characters they will be sent home with two picture books and a reading record. Encourage your child to tell you a story by using the pictures. These will be changed on a Friday.</p>

Please see over for information about general notices.

**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. This is on Monday for the morning session and Thursday for the afternoon session. The children are enjoying the opportunity of choosing 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.

**Toys**

Now that the children are settled, could I please ask that your child does not bring any of their own toys into Nursery. These can be lost or broken, resulting in your child becoming very upset. We do understand that some of the newer children like to carry a toy as a comfortor when they are coming to Nursery. If this is the case could you please ensure that this toy is taken home by yourself.

Thank you for your co-operation and support.

**School places**

Please be reminded that you should be informed of your child's school placement for September by Derbyshire County Council on Monday 18th April.

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.

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Nursery Teacher