

Nursery

Parent Newsletter
 Summer 2016

Miss Mather

A school where everyone shines.

Welcome back after the half term holiday!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for coming to and supporting our Sports Day.

	<p><u>Learning Challenge—Who goes to the Ugly Bug Ball?</u></p>
	<p>This week we have started our new learning challenge and have introduced this by looking at mini beasts. During this half term we will be learning all about different types of mini beasts, how they grow and their habitats. We have caterpillars in the classroom and will watch them grow and release them when they transform into butterflies. We are also hoping to take the children to the pond within the school grounds.</p>
<p><u>Letters and Sounds</u></p> 	<p>This half term the focus of our letters and sounds sessions will be alliteration. We will be focussing on the sounds s, a, t, p, l and n to help with the children's transition into school. We will be singing sound songs, and playing lots of games such as silly soup, finding different objects that start with the same sound.</p>
<p><u>Literacy</u></p> 	<p><u>Reading</u> We will continue learning and enjoying a variety of stories about different mini beasts such as The Very Hungry Caterpillar and the Bad Tempered Ladybird. 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 mini beasts, how they grow and their homes.</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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Subject	
<p style="margin: 0;">Mathematics</p> 	<p>In <i>Number</i>, we are continuing counting out objects, adding two sets of objects, counting how many there are altogether and saying the number names in order. We will be finding one more and one less than a given number. We will be doing this by singing number songs, playing games and lots of fun practical activities.</p> <p>In <i>shape, space and measures</i> 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 style="margin: 0;">Physical Development</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 travelling in a variety of different ways and over, on, under and through the large apparatus.</p> <p>In the outdoors area, the children will have tricycles, scooters, Little Tikes cars as well as a variety of small apparatus such as bats, balls, hockey sticks and bean bags.</p>
	<p>Thank you for your support in reading with the children at home. Could you please bring their reading packs back into Nursery on Friday so their books can be changed?</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 that are appropriate for large apparatus work 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.

Outdoors

Now we are experiencing much better weather, we will be spending more time outdoors. Can you please ensure your child brings a hat and has suntan lotion on. We want to make sure the children are protected whilst playing outdoors.

New Reception Parents Meeting

For those of you that have a child starting in Reception in September there will be a meeting on Wednesday 22nd June.

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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