



Nursery

Parent Newsletter Autumn 2016

Miss Mather

A school where everyone shines.

Welcome to the Shining Starlets of Brooklands Nursery. I would like to extend a warm welcome back to those returning from the summer holidays and to the parents and carers of our new children. I would like to introduce you to our half-termly newsletter, which will inform you of the exploration and learning that will take place over the first part of the Autumn term. It will also provide other relevant information.

| | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | <p><u>Learning Challenge—All about me and Who lives in my house?</u></p> |
|  | <p>After giving the children time to settle into nursery life we will be starting our first learning challenge. We will be looking at ourselves and each other, talking about how we are the same and how we are different. We will also be looking at how we have changed since we were all babies. We would be very grateful if you could send in a photograph of your child with their name on the back for our discussions and display. We will also be talking about our families.</p> |
| <p><u>Letters and Sounds</u></p>  | <p>The nursery curriculum involves learning around the children in their own initiated activities with adult support, and focussed activities which will be adult led. This involves a daily letters and sounds activity which supports linking sounds and letters in the order which sounds they occur in words. This half term the focus of these activities will be listening to environmental sounds and will involve going on listening walks around the school, listening games and learning new songs with different sounds in them.</p> |
| <p><u>Literacy</u></p>  | <p><u>Reading</u> We will be enjoying some of the more familiar traditional tales and a range of the children's favourite stories. We will also be looking at books about different families and non-fiction books about our bodies.</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> |

S.H.I.N.E.
S.H.I.N.E.

| Subject | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>Mathematics</p>  | <p>In Number, we will be looking at numbers. This will involve rote counting and counting outing objects. 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 be learning about 2D shapes and looking at patterns in different places.</p> |
| <p>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>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>PE Sessions</p>  | <p>Once the children have had time to settle, we will be introducing our regular PE sessions in the school hall. These will be held on a Monday morning and a Thursday afternoon. We would greatly appreciate our support on these days in asking you to ensure that your child is wearing suitable clothes for moving around easily and safely, and socks and footwear that are easy for them to remove and put back on themselves. This also provides your child with the opportunity to become more independent in their own self care.</p> |

Please see over for information about general notices.

Library

We will be soon be starting our Library sessions. This is on Monday for the morning session and Thursday for the afternoon session. The children will enjoy 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.

Outdoor play and exploration

The children will be spending time outside in the nursery play-ground everyday. This involves riding bikes and scooters, exploring and using the climbing frames and digging. Please ensure that your child has appropriate footwear and coats so that they are warm and dry whilst exploring the outdoor area, and that these are not their best clothes as they will get dirty!

Nursery Times

The morning nursery times are 8.30-11.30 and the afternoon 12.30-3.30. We would ask for your support when collecting your child is asking them to wait until a member of staff calls them from the carpet. This ensures us that we have seen you and your child has been collected by yourself or another carer. It is also of the utmost importance that you let a member of staff know if there will be someone different collecting your child. We will contact you before we let your child leave if we have not been informed beforehand. Your child's safety and welfare is our priority.

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.

I look forward to getting to know your child and yourselves in the upcoming weeks and 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 happiness, learning and success is of paramount importance to us both.

Miss N Mather
Nursery Teacher