



Nursery

Parent Newsletter Autumn 2016

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A school where everyone shines.

Welcome back after the half term holidays. I hope you all had a relaxing break. This half term we will be starting our new learning challenge and preparing for our Christmas Sing-along as well as enjoying lots of fun and practical activities in the lead up to Christmas.

	<p><u>Learning Challenge—Where the stars do go at night?</u></p>
	<p>We will be starting our new learning challenge. We will be looking at day and night, and the things we do during these times. We will be learning about nocturnal animals, what they eat and where they live. We will be learning about different festivals and how we celebrate them. We will also be engaging in lots of Christmas and Winter activities whilst practising for our Christmas Sing-along.</p>
<p><u>Letters and Sounds</u></p> 	<p>The Nursery Curriculum involves children's interests and their own initiated activities with adult support. Along with this children undertake focussed activities which will be adult led. This involves a daily letters and sounds activity which supports linking sounds and develops key listening skills needed for writing. This half term the focus of these activities will be listening to instrument sounds. We will be learning instrument names, how to play them and listening to the different sounds they make. We will also be accompanying our favourite songs and nursery rhymes.</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 non-fiction books about nocturnal animals such as hedgehogs and foxes.</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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<p>Mathematics</p> 	<p>In Number, we will be looking at numerals. 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>We are now holding our regular PE sessions in the school hall. These are held on a Monday morning and a Thursday afternoon. We would greatly appreciate your support on these days by asking you to ensure that your child is wearing suitable clothes for moving around easily and safely, along with 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

The library sessions are 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 do spend a deal of time outside in the nursery playground 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!

Children in Need - Friday 18th November.

This year we are inviting the children to join in with our Pjama day. The children can come to Nursery on this day in their pyjamas, if they wish to, as we raise money for Children in Need. The children do however need to come in their outdoor shoes and not in their slippers.

Please note that if you have other children in school, they will be having a non-uniform day with the theme of anything spotty.

Sickness

If you child is unfortunate enough to catch the winter sickness bug, could you please ensure that they do not return to Nursery until they have had 48 hours clear of any vomiting or diarrhea. This limits the chances of the virus spreading and allows your child time to recover. Thank you for your co-operation.

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 happiness, learning and success is of paramount importance to us both.

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