



Nursery News – Summer Term 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Summer Term. We hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break. This term we have welcomed Mrs Jeffery's as our full time Nursery Nurse. We would also like to welcome all our new Nursery children who have amazed us with how quickly they have settled each morning and begun to explore their new environment at Little Missenden.

Staff

The Nursery children will spend time both with Robin Class (Reception) and in a smaller group with Mrs Jefferys.

Reception Staff are always very happy to assist and talk with you.

Class Teachers; Ms Gale will be covering Mrs Mellor's maternity leave and will teach Monday – Wednesday, Mrs Rippon will continue to work Thursday and Friday

Teaching Assistants; Mrs Hiles, Mrs Hester and Mrs Taylor support Robin class throughout the week.

Morning drop off

We are very happy for you to come into the classroom to settle your child after hanging their coats on their peg. Nursery begins at 9am. Please try to ensure your child is brought in to the classroom promptly so they can settle and begin their day. If you are a little later than this we kindly ask that you are mindful of the classroom activities which might have already begun and request that you leave through the door onto the outdoor area to avoid disruption. A huge 'well done' to some of the children who breeze in happily from the cloakroom!

Topics

Nursery life is very much about following the interests of the children. We will use these topics as starting points to inspire and engage the children. Dinosaurs, Under the Sea and Journeys. As always these are all flexible and can be adapted to meet the developing interests of the children.

Show and Tell

We would like to invite the children to participate in a weekly 'Show and Tell' session. These sessions will be an opportunity for your child to bring something interesting and ideally topic related to share with their friends. As most children are in Nursery on a Wednesday this will be our allocated day, However, if your child does not come to Nursery on this day please feel free to bring something in on a day they attend. Please no toys!

Tapestry

Thank you to everyone who has given permission and provided details to set up your child's Tapestry account. The children's profiles are now 'active' and you should have received activation emails to take you through the steps to gain access.

Tapestry is a secure online learning journey which we use within the Early Years to share your child's learning experiences and progress. It is a fantastic communication tool which allows us to work together and build up a picture of your child. We love to see and hear about 'wow' moments which happen outside of Nursery too. Please feel free to share these on their Tapestry profile. If you would like any further support in accessing or using Tapestry please do not hesitate to ask.

Phonics

Nursery children will be focusing on developing and securing essential foundations for their future literacy development. They have already been exploring environmental sounds and tapping rhythms with musical instruments.

Our next focus will be on Rhyme. Rhyme is an essential early literacy skill as it teaches the children how language works. Please continue to support this at home by singing nursery rhymes, reading rhyming stories and having fun with words which sound the same, however funny they might be!

Maths

Our maths activities will focus on counting, matching, sorting and number recognition. You will be surprised how many everyday tasks you can link to maths. Try looking around your house to identify different shapes, take a walk to spot some house numbers or even explore the language of weight when cooking something yummy together.

Outdoors

We are hoping for a warm and dry summer term! Please ensure your child has their own named sun hat in school. We would recommend for sun cream to be applied before school, however, the children may have their own named small bottle of sun cream to keep in their drawer should they need to apply any throughout the day. We would like to encourage the children to leave these items at school to avoid being caught out on a sunny day!

PE

On a Monday, the children will take part in a PE session exploring their bodies and the different ways that they can move. After half term please provide a t shirt and pair of shorts for them to change into.

Wellbeing afternoon

Where possible the Nursery will join Robin Class on Wellbeing Afternoons. This half term Robin Class are participating in 'Connect and Keep Active' with Mrs Clifford. The focus of these sessions will be on physical activity and team work. If you would like to see some of the fun what Year 1 had last half term please look at the photographs under the 'Health and Wellbeing' section of our school website.

For the final half term Robin Class will move onto Forest School with Mrs Downie. Further details will be sent out closer to the time.

Resource requests

We are always grateful of donations of additional resources old and new! The following items are what we have noticed being in short supply;

- Creative area items (stickers, sequins, pom poms etc)
- Outdoor toys and games
- Small gardening tools and gloves
- Felt tip pens
- Note pads/diaries
- Children's comics/magazines
- Small junk modelling items and masking tape
- Balance bikes/ pedal bikes

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us to arrange a convenient time to meet.

Thank you for your continued support



Mrs Jefferys, Mrs Mello and Mrs Rippon