

Dear Nursery (F1) Parents and Carers,

Our half-termly topic

This half-term our topic is 'Houses and Homes'.

We will be looking at and talking about different types of homes. We will be looking at the different rooms and items we may have in our home.

We will be reading the story 'The 3 little Pigs' and talking about the different materials they used to make their houses. We will try to recreate these houses in our creative area.

We will be looking at different animals and talking about where they live and if we have ever seen an animal in their natural habitat.

We will be looking at and talking about the signs of springtime outdoors and how our world is changing.

Our RE theme is 'Easter'. We will be talking about our own experiences and traditions during Easter. We will read 'The Easter Story' and discuss why we say our prayers to God.

Our PE sessions will focus on 'Dance'. We will be dancing to the song 'Head, shoulders, knees and toes' and remembering the sequence of actions which accompanies each verse. We will be moving like different types of transport- moving 'fast' and 'slow'. We will be listening to the song 'carnival' and putting a sequence of movements together linked to the tempo of the music.

Our Design & Technology sessions focus on 'junk modelling'. We will first be looking at the different equipment we will be using such as glue and tape, talking about which is more effective when we make our models. We will be talking about safety when using scissors and how to use scissors correctly. We will then use our boxes, tubs and tubes to create our own junk models.

General Information:

Morning nursery begins at 8:45am. If your child comes to school late and the gates are locked, please take them to the reception office and a member of nursery staff will collect them from there.

The session for part time morning children finishes at 11:45am. Please wait for your child at the nursery gates and a member of staff will send them out to you as soon as they are ready.

Full time children will need a healthy packed lunch (please do not send food with any nut content and grapes and large blueberries will need to be cut in half lengthways).

Afternoon nursery session begins at 12:30pm- 3:30pm. These children will need to have eaten their lunch at home before the session begins. Please wait at the red school gate (enter from School Street) and a member of staff will collect your child from there.

Nursery finishes at 3:30pm. Please wait at the nursery gates and a member of staff will send your child out to you. Parents can pick their nursery child up earlier if their siblings are in a class with an earlier finish time (please let staff know if you need to do this).

Please send your child with a bottle of water in a labelled bottle for them to access throughout the day. It will be sent home each day to be cleaned and returned the next day.

Nursery library will be held in the school library every 2nd Thursday 8:15am- 8:40am. We hope you can come along, choose a story and read with your child. Children learn so much language from these sessions and reading for pleasure is so important to all of our children. We will email you to remind you of the dates we will be holding these library sessions.

Your child will need a pair of wellies for outdoor playtime. The field can sometimes become quite wet and muddy, yet the children still love to be out there! This will also help keep indoor shoes clean and carpets mud-free!

Please remember, if the weather is cold, children will need appropriate outdoor clothing. Warm coats, hats and gloves are essential as we spend lots of learning time outdoors.

As usual, if anyone different is to pick your child up from Nursery, or you are going to be later than expected, please let a member of staff know, or give the school a ring. Also please could you collect your child promptly at 11:45am or 3:30pm for full time children. Thank you.

How can you help at home?

Ask your child what they have been doing at nursery. Talk to them about what they enjoy doing.

Sing rhymes and songs. Ask them about their favourite songs. Tell them about your favourite songs.

Talk to your child. Ask them questions. Language development is everything at this age!

Read, read, read! Ask questions about the main characters, where the stories are set and what happens in the story.

Count at every opportunity. Show them 'how many' using their fingers.

Encourage them to mark– make every day. Let them draw on the paths using buckets of water and brushes or chalks.

Let them see you writing. Explain what you are writing (give writing a purpose).

Point out letters, numbers and shapes in the environment.

Build up their language through pretend play.

Show them how to use scissors– snipping paper is a good start.

Encourage them to get dressed on their own. Show them how to put tights and socks on.

Show them how to turn their coat sleeves the right way around. Show them how to zip their coat up on their own.

Go on walks. Let them run, climb and balance.

Encourage them to eat a varied diet.

Ensure they know the importance of brushing their teeth twice each day and after meals if possible.

Thank you for your support

From Mrs Pollard and the F1 team