

FOUNDATION STAGE NURSERY TERM 1 2009/10

Dear Parents

Welcome to the Nursery! The first few days of term have flown by and your children are settling quickly into the Nursery routine. One of our main aims in Nursery is to develop the children's independence in all areas of learning. Our Nursery rooms are arranged into various curriculum areas and within these areas the children are encouraged to fetch the materials they need and tidy them away when they have finished.

We will soon start the first of our three themes for this term which is 'Me'. We will be learning about our senses and will be holding a healthy food tasting morning as part of this topic. Each week your child will be learning a rhyme which you may wish to learn with them at home. In November we will be learning about Oman, its environment and culture to coincide with our National Day celebrations. In December we will be getting ready for Christmas.

Later in the term we will start our library sessions and introduce our shared reading scheme.

We would like to invite you to our Meet and Greet on Tuesday 15th September; you will be receiving information regarding this separately. You will also have the opportunity to meet with us later in the term to discuss your child's progress, however, should you have any urgent concerns about your child, do not hesitate to contact the class teacher. All members of the Nursery staff are looking forward to the exciting term ahead working and playing alongside your child.

Themes – Me and Oman

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will be learning to care for their classroom pets. They will be taught to use equipment and areas independently and will take responsibility for organising some classroom routines. They will be learning through role play about other cultures and their beliefs.

Communication, Language and Literacy

The children will have opportunities to talk about their experiences at the beach and will listen to stories about the sea. They will re-tell stories using props in both the sand and water trays. The children will make up games in the giants' castle and bedroom role play areas and the writing area.

Mathematical Knowledge and Understanding

Through a variety of board and other games the children will develop their knowledge of numbers and counting skills. Play activities will give opportunities to count and compare groups of objects in many areas of the Nursery. They will be

looking carefully at the shape and size of a variety of objects and have opportunities to copy and create repeating patterns.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

The children will be looking at the changes which take place when ingredients are mixed and when mixtures are cooked. They will be learning about Oman and looking at traditions and artefacts. They will be using a range of software designed to develop their mouse control and support learning in other areas. They will make models using construction kits and construct models joining pieces in a variety of ways.

Creative Development

The children will experiment with different materials and techniques in both free play and structured activities. They will have opportunities to imagine and create stories in their role play. They will be making musical instruments and experimenting with sounds.

Physical Development

The children will have opportunities to climb, slide, ride bikes and throw and catch balls during their outdoor play. They will be encouraged to try moving using different parts of their bodies. They will be encouraged to manipulate objects, tools and practise clothes fastening through a range of games and activities.

We all look forward to a busy term in the Nursery and would like to thank you for all the help and support you give us. There will be opportunities for parents to be involved with our cookery and we will also be looking for volunteers to visit the classrooms and talk to the children about festivals from different cultures. Please let us know if you are interested in taking part in either of these activities.

Diary Dates

15th September – Primary Meet and Greet Evening – (Main Hall and then classrooms)

27th September – Grandparents' Day

5^h Dec – Carols by Candlelight

14th & 15th December – Foundation Stage Christmas Production performances

Many Thanks

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