

FOUNDATION STAGE - NURSERY TERM 2 2009 / 2010

Dear Parents

Welcome back to an action packed term in the Nursery. All the Nursery staff are looking forward to another exciting term working and playing alongside your children.

Later in the term we will be continuing our parents meetings. You will be able to discuss your child's play and learning with their teacher at this time. You are always welcome to make appointments with the teachers should you wish to discuss the progress of your child or to provide the teachers will information regarding your child.

This term includes several special events for the Nursery children. We will be going on a trip to the beach and holding our sports morning. You will receive more details of all these events later in the term. We will continue to use our Home Links board to keep you informed about what your children are doing on a daily and weekly basis. Our topics for this term will be 'The Sea' and 'People Who Help Us'. Many activities and learning experiences are planned across all the areas of the foundation stage curriculum to link in with this topic. These activities are differentiated to ensure that we are building on what each individual already knows.

Spring Theme – The Sea

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will continue to care for their classroom pets. They will continue to use equipment and areas independently and will take responsibility for organising some classroom routines. They will be working and playing together and sharing and taking turns. They will be learning through role play about other cultures and their beliefs. In addition to this the children will be learning how to set a goal and their success when they achieve that goal will be celebrated.

Communication, Language and Literacy

The children will have opportunities to talk about their experiences at the beach; they will listen to stories about the sea. They will re-tell stories using props in both the sand and water trays. They will make up games in the Pirate Island. They will continue to share books with others and will have opportunities for mark making and emergent writing in the role play areas and the writing area.

Mathematical Knowledge and Understanding

Through a variety of board and other games the children will continue to 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, size and patterns of shells and other natural and man-made objects.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

The children will be looking carefully at water and discovering how it flows and moves, how it can move objects and how it helps things to float. They will be visiting the beach to collect shells and looking at sea creatures. They will be learning how to program a beebot and use a remote control bug and use a variety of different programs to develop their mouse control. 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. These skills will be further extended using our super new climbing structure. They will be encouraged to try moving using different parts of their bodies. They will be encouraged to manipulate objects, tools and clothes fastenings through a range of games and activities.

Events This Term

Nursery Sports Day – Monday 15th February

Trip to the Beach – Saturday 6th February (to be confirmed)

Easter Egg Competition – Tuesday 30th March

We all look forward to another busy term in the Nursery and would like to thank you for all the help and support you give us. Once again there will be opportunities for parents to be involved with our cookery and we will also be looking for volunteers to accompany us on our trip to the beach. Please let us know if you are interested in taking part in either of these activities.

Many Thanks

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