

Nursery Newsletter

Welcome back after the half term holiday. I can't believe that this is the final seven weeks in nursery!

Our topic for this half term will be 'Mini Beasts' where we will be focusing on life cycles and habitats. We will take a closer look at various mini beasts in our outdoor area and learn all about them in their natural environment. We will watch as tiny caterpillars grow and eventually change into butterflies. We will read 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and 'The Very Lazy Ladybird' and many other fiction and non fiction books relating to Mini Beasts.

Homework will continue this half term. Can I please remind you to bring homework back on time so that it can be reviewed with your child. All of the children are making progress towards retelling a story from memory and giving reasons for their favourite part of the story. Thank you for your continued support in this important preparation for learning to read in Reception class.

We will also focus on the **Mathematical Non Negotiable facts**. By the end of nursery children should be able to rote count to ten, recognise numerals to ten, represent numbers to five using their fingers, count movements as they do them (1 nod, 2 jumps, 3 hops, 4 claps, 5 taps on shoulders), say when two groups of objects are the same or different and finally match number and quantity correctly. Please work with your child to help them achieve these skills.

We will continue the Letters and Sounds programme, focusing on voice sounds enabling children to distinguish between different vocal sounds. The children will also begin to blend and segment orally sounds in words. They will be involved in practical games and activities, which will encourage them to separate different sounds in words and then blend them together again. The children will also begin to recognise letter by sight. Please look out for weekly updates of which letters to support your child with at home. As the children become more familiar with the letters they will be encouraged to write cvc words.

A quick reminder that the children will be able to access our outdoor area most days so please make sure s/he has the correct clothing for outdoors.

Finally I would like to thank you for all your support during your child's first year at school.

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