

To all Nursery parents/carers

Good morning everyone. Just a quick update to let you know what's happening in our nursery classroom.

Firstly I would like to thank you all for your support and co-operation in getting our nursery up and running this year. These trying and difficult times have made the task more difficult than in 'normal' years but we have done it and all registered children have now started their school journey. The fact that it has all gone relatively smoothly is as much down to you as to the school's organisation. I can honestly say that without your understanding regarding start times it would have been much more difficult.

Our first four weeks in class have been amazing! The children have settled in really well and, apart from the occasional hic-cup, they all seem very happy to be at school - as happy as we are to have them all. They are all adapting to, and enjoying, their new environment, very quickly and all seem very settled and confident. We have been learning how to sit nicely on the carpet and listen carefully to instructions, how to line up at the beginning and end of play times and at home time, how to find their 'pegs' and hang up their own coats and how to share toys and equipment in the activity areas. They have also loved going into our woods to explore and enjoy nature.

Our topic for this first half-term has been Nursery rhymes and this will continue until school finishes for half-term. We have learned quite a few: Humpty Dumpty, Ten Green Bottles, Twinkle, twinkle little star, Insy Wincy Spider, Baa Baa Blacksheep, to name a few. Of course, many of your children already knew these rhymes but we have extended their experience by doing lots of different crafts and role-play activities to make them 'come to life'. They have loved it (as have we) and thrown themselves into the activities with great enthusiasm. The (plastic) spider catching activity was a big hit, as was the building of a wall for Humpty Dumpty to fall from and the bowling down of our ten green bottles!

Alongside our main topic, we have also been making Christmas cards (early but we had a deadline with the printers), begun a 'This is Me' topic and started to look at Numberblocks and learn our first letter sounds with Jolly Phonics. I am working towards showing you all of these activities, after half-term, when I have set up all your SeeSaw access codes. In the letter that was sent home on Friday, there was a consent section for allowing your child's photographs to be included on our SeeSaw programme for Nursery. In that section it mentions 'attached information' regarding privacy laws - unfortunately, you won't be able to see that until I set up your accounts so don't worry about it at the moment.

Please bear with me on this and, for those of you who are not familiar with the 'Seesaw family' protocol, all will be available to you soon.

On a final note, Hallowe'en this year falls in the half-term break so we thought we might celebrate it on the last day of term by dressing up to come to school in costume. If you could organise this for your child that would be wonderful. This will take place on Wednesday, 21st October. Don't worry if you don't have a costume specifically 'Hallowe'en-ish' - any outfit will do; please don't feel you have to go out and buy something appropriate. We want it to be a fun morning, not an event that will cause hours of preparation and stress for our hardworking parents!

Thank you, once again, for your continued support and appreciation.....we appreciate your efforts, too. If you feel you need to speak to me about anything please don't hesitate to send a note or telephone the school. It's not really possible to have any in-depth conversations at the gate when we dismiss the children but I would be happy to speak to you (via telephone) after school finishes at 3.30pm. Take care, everyone, and stay safe.

Best wishes

Mrs Kneath and the Nursery Team