

# Nursery Newsletter 16.09.22

A very warm welcome to all of the children, parents and carers joining us in Nursery this year.

Each Friday, we will send out a newsletter containing highlights from our week as well as important information and dates for your diary.

## Our Week

We have had an amazing first couple of weeks in Nursery. We have spent time exploring our new learning environments and getting to know our new friends and teachers. Here are some photos of what we have been getting up to.



# Things to remember...

## Dates for your diary

- **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October: Communication and Language Parent Workshop 9am followed by Celebration Day.** Please join us for our workshop where we will be sharing some useful tips and ideas about how to further your child's communication and language skills as well as find out about how we promote these key skills in Nursery. The workshop will then be followed by our Celebration Day where parents and carers are able to stay and play with their children for the morning and see some of the creative ways in which we cover our curriculum through explorative play. The theme this year is 'Children of the World'.
- **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November: Forest School taster session.** Each week your child will take part in our amazing Forest School sessions run by Jolly Foresters. This session is an opportunity for you to come along to your child's session and see some of the fantastic learning that takes place. We are still looking for donations to cover the costs of these sessions so any donations would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the school office if you are able to donate.

## Our Family Tree

As a part of this half term's Topic of 'All About Me', next week we are going to be talking about our families and celebrating our similarities and differences. We kindly ask that you email a photo of your child with the people they consider to be close family to the school office in preparation for our carpet sessions next week so that your child can have the opportunity to discuss and show their photo to their peers. We will then use these photos for a classroom family tree display so that your child can see a photo of their loved ones whilst in Nursery.

## Forest School

Forest School will begin on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September - every Thursday your child will have a session with our Forest School specialists the Jolly Foresters in our Nature Garden. Please supply your child with wellies and waterproof clothing as this learning can sometimes be messy!

## Reading Expectations

This week your child will have been sent home with a high-quality text from our book corners as well as a Reading Record Diary. We want to instil a love of reading for pleasure from an early age and would highly recommend reading to your child each day. Reading is an essential part of your child's development. It introduces children to words they wouldn't usually hear in everyday conversations, helps build their vocabulary and supports their listening and attention skills.

You can record each time you read with your child in their Reading Record by signing in the box. Please record each time you read with your child as they will earn stamps and stickers which is a fantastic incentive for them to read each day.

**Each Wednesday**, please return the Reading Record as well as the books belonging to school. Your child will then get an opportunity to discuss their book with their teacher who will stamp

their Reading Record and award stickers. Your child will then select a new book and will discuss and read some of it with their teacher before being sent home.

Please note, if a child loses or damages a school reading book, a letter will be sent home to parents requesting £5 to replace the book.

### **Reading Volunteers**

We are looking for any parent volunteers who would like to spend a morning or afternoon a week reading 1:1 with children. Please let your child's class teacher know if you would be happy to do so. We do need to pay for DBS checks for our volunteers, so we would be very grateful if volunteers could commit to coming in regularly.

### **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library**

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a free book scheme which launched in 1995. Southwark Council has joined forces with local company DialAFlight and the Dollywood Foundation to bring the scheme to our borough. Your child will receive a book in the post every month until their fifth birthday, absolutely free.

Only children with a current Southwark address can register and we highly recommend taking advantage of this brilliant resource.

You can register on the link below:

<https://imaginationlibrary.com/check-availability/>

### **Spare Clothes and label belongings**

Please make sure that your child always has a spare change of clothes at school for toileting accidents and water play. If your child borrows clothes from school, please return the clothes washed and dried. Please can you label or write names in all your child's belongings that they may bring into school including their water bottle.

### **Wellies and coats**

As the weather gets wetter and colder, please provide your children with a named, thick, winter coat and suitable footwear. We go to the Nature Garden three times a week and it is important that children are suitably dressed. Please also encourage your child to practise putting on their wellies and coats independently.

### **Water Bottles**

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle with them each day. This should only contain water, no fruit juices or squash please! These can be left at school as we shall refill them each morning and afternoon for your child and then they shall be sent home each Friday.

### **Toileting**

If your child please requires support with toileting, please continue to practise this at home and remind them of the importance of thorough hand washing.

Many thanks,

The Nursery Team

**Ladybird** - Emma Rose, Jodie Speer and Usha Goomany

**Butterfly** - Anastasia Owusu, Gina Collingridge

Jaci Doherty working throughout both classrooms

