

Nursery Newsletter 29.04.22

Song of the week



This week we have been singing '5 Little Caterpillars' and practising our counting skills.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v5ZCw9cUEq0>

Can you sing the song at home?

Our Week



We have had a lovely first full week back in Nursery. We have been learning all about the life cycle of a caterpillar and reading the book 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar.' We made some beautiful, symmetrical butterfly paintings and had lots of fun wearing our caterpillar headbands.

Can you tell your family about the life cycle of a caterpillar?

Phase 1 Phonics

This week in Phonics, we have been practising hearing the initial sounds of words and have played some fun games such as Silly Soup!

Can you hear the first sound in the words horse, hedgehog and hat?

Sound of the Week

Our Sound of the Week next week will be 'f'.

Please continue to sing the Jolly Phonics songs at home for these sounds.

Can you bring in an object from home for our Sound Table that begins with 'f'?



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o2zRjc9h_ZY

Please remember not to bring in anything precious as it may get lost / broken!

Forest School



We have had a lovely time at Forest School this week and thank you to all of the parents who joined us! We made some amazing seed

bombs and practiced our fine motor skills making bee sticks.

Maths



This week in Maths, we have been working on our counting skills and seeing if we can find a given

number of objects around our classroom.

Can you find 1,2,3,4,5 of different objects at home?

Things to remember...

Brockwell Park Trip, Monday 16th May

We shall be going on a trip to Brockwell Park Community Greenhouses this half term. Please see the letter below for more information.

Change to reading / changing books day

This half term, we have decided to change the day on which we read 1:1 with your child and change their reading books. This shall now happen on a **Thursday** each week. This change is because we want to make the most of our Friday morning Nature Garden slot. Please remember to return old books and bring your child's reading diary on this day.

Items from home

We have noticed that many children are bringing in special items from home that are not for our Sound of the Week table. Please could you ensure that your child doesn't bring anything in from home as some of the items are causing arguments amongst the children as well as being a distraction during learning time. We also can't ensure that the items will not be lost / damaged!



Wellies and coats

While the weather is sadly still wet and cold, please provide your children with a named coat and suitable footwear. We go to the Nature Garden three times a week and it is important that children are suitably dressed. Children have the opportunity to explore and experiment with water whilst at school. We try our best to keep your child dry by encouraging the use of aprons and rolling up of sleeves but if you know your child particularly enjoys water play, please could you provide them with a waterproof jacket / suit. If you do not have one, we are happy to provide one for you. 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, especially now that the weather is warming up. This should only contain water, no fruit juices or squash please!

Spare Clothes

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. If you have any socks that your child no longer needs, we would really appreciate any donations for our spare clothes box!

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.

Brockwell Park trip Information

Dear parents/carers,

We are writing to inform you that as an extension of our Spring growth topic, Nursery will be visiting Brockwell Park Community Greenhouses on Monday 16th May. This is an excellent opportunity for your child to engage in two workshops and apply their prior learning on plants and how they grow. During the first workshop, your child will explore a range of habitats and micro-habitats. They will get to observe up close using magnifiers or pond nets and find out about how we can help wildlife. Children will also use natural materials to make land art or creatures. During the second workshop, your child will get to explore the gardens and greenhouses to see signs of growth and evidence of activity. They will discover key parts of a plant as well as plant some seeds to take back home. We shall then spend some time in the adventure playground as well as enjoying our packed lunches.

We will be leaving school promptly after morning registration and will return by 3pm. We will be travelling by bus to and from the park.

There is a fee for this trip of £4.00 per child.

Your child will need a packed lunch for this trip. The usual packed lunch guidelines do not apply to packed lunches for trips, however we still ask that you do not include any sweets, fizzy drinks, uncut grapes or nut products. If you have registered your child for school packed lunches on trips this year then this will be provided. If you have not registered your child for a school packed lunch but would like them to receive one please email the office staff at least two weeks before the trip, stating your child's preference for sandwich filling; either cheese or tuna. Once you have done this, this covers every trip they attend this school year.

Please give permission on Parentmail by 02/05/22. If you do not give permission by this date your child may not be eligible for a school packed lunch. If you are unable to use Parentmail please contact the school office.

If you are available to come on this trip with us, please call or email the office to let us know as we will need a number of parent helpers.

Many thanks

The Nursery teachers