

Newsletter

Nursery



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A very warm welcome to all our nursery children and families! We are so excited to begin this new school year together and support the children as they settle into their new surroundings, build friendships and grow in confidence. This half term our topic is 'All about Me'.

Understanding the World -

This half term, we will be learning all about ourselves, our families and what makes each of us special and unique. The children will have lots of opportunities to talk about the people who are important to them and share their family experiences. To help us celebrate our families and different heritages, please send in a photo of your child with their family, along with a little information about their heritage, so we can add it to our class world map.



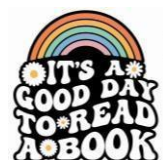
Phonics and Literacy -

This half term, we will be starting our Phase 1 phonics journey, helping the children to develop their listening skills by noticing and talking about the different sounds they hear around them. We'll enjoy listening walks around school and have lots of fun exploring sounds together. We will also be developing the children's fine motor skills, which are important for later writing. Through activities such as playdough, drawing, mark making, threading and using tweezers, the children will strengthen the small muscles in their hands and fingers while having lots of opportunities to explore, create and develop their confidence.



Reading – One of the most effective ways you can support your child with their academic progress and development, is through reading together regularly. Your child will be read with at school once a week and will then take 2 books home for you to share together.

Children in Nursery should be reading at home each day with an adult, for 15 minutes. Please make a comment in your child's reading record each time that they read so they can earn rewards in school. Please note, there is a £5 charge for lost books. Please bring in bookbags every day.



Maths – This half term, we will be having lots of fun exploring early maths through play and everyday activities. The children will develop their counting and number recognition skills through games, number hunts, sorting and matching activities, sensory play and favourite number songs such as ‘5 Little Ducks’. We will also begin exploring shapes, space and measure in fun and practical ways, helping the children to build their confidence with early mathematical ideas.



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PSED- This half term, we will be helping the children settle into their new environment, build confidence and form positive relationships with their new friends and adults. Through fun activities and lots of opportunities to talk and play together, we'll be getting to know each other and helping every child feel happy, safe and part of our classroom community.



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Music – Music in Nursery is taught by Grace from the Southwark Music Service. The children will be learning songs and exploring simple rhythms this half term.



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Treasure Chests – You may hear your children speaking about receiving treasure chests. These are whole-class rewards for positive behaviour and good attitudes to learning. At the end of each week at the EYFS assembly, we will count the total amount of treasure chests for each class. The class with the highest number of chests is rewarded with having our friend, Gerald Giraffe, in class for the following week!



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The Class Bear – Each Friday, the class bear will be sent home with a child. This is an opportunity for them to look after the bear for the weekend. When it is your child's turn, please read the note in the bear's backpack.



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Clothing – As you know, UK weather is very unpredictable! Please make sure your child comes to school with a coat. Additionally, please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

On behalf of the Nursery team, we look forward to getting to know you and your children.