

Holy Family Nursery Unit Newsletter

Summer term 2019

Welcome back and a very big welcome to our new starters in nursery! We hope you have had a restful few weeks holiday in preparation for, what for some of the children will be, the final term in nursery. The children have returned to nursery happily and are settling back in to routines. They are keen to take part in activities that are offered and are becoming more independent in their choices.

This term the children will be spending a lot of time outdoors, so please could you ensure that they are equipped for the weather. We also ask that they wear clothing which is suitable for activities that may involve getting dirty!

After half term the children who will start in reception at Holy Family will be going across to school as part of the induction process- further details will follow.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development- The children will have opportunities to play games taking turns and sharing. They will be encouraged to be independent when using and selecting all resources and to complete tasks that they start.

Communication and Language - Through individual and small group work the children will listen to others and take their turn to speak. We will encourage them to share experiences and support them to increase their vocabulary. They will be asked to listen to and follow increasingly complex instructions.

Physical Development - Dough gym sessions will continue every morning to develop the children's fine motor skills. In the outdoor area the children will be using large climbing equipment and will be doing lots of jumping running and skipping as they move around. We are encouraging those who are learning to ride a two wheeled bike to bring them to nursery so that we can support them in learning in a safe environment.

Literacy - We will be continuing the phonics programme 'Letters and Sounds'. Most of the activities that we will be doing will be concentrating on rhyming or identifying initial sounds in words. We will begin to link letters to the phonetic sound that they make. We will continue to read and enjoy stories asking the children to answer questions about what we have read.

Mathematics- Through a wide range of activities the children will continue to count, recognise numbers, investigate shapes and pattern. We will weigh and measure using non- standard units.

Understanding the World - We will be investigating life outdoors including mini beasts, birds and animals and plants. We will plant a variety of vegetables and flowers and observe as they grow.

Expressive Arts and Design - This term our role-play area will be a garden centre/farm shop. The children will be able to buy and sell things and visit the café. We will add enhancement resources to extend their play and ideas as needed. We will also be playing and exploring sound using musical instruments.

General Points

- Please check all of your child's clothing is named.
- Please remove your child's earrings for their time in Nursery.

How can you help?

Please continue to contribute to your child's learning journey about achievements or events at home through Tapestry. This is a vital part of us making your child's assessments an accurate and individual reflection of their all-round achievements.

Talk to your child about colours and shapes and numbers they see around them. Continue to encourage them to carry out simple tasks and to have a go to do things for themselves such as put on their coat, dressing and undressing. Play games which involve turn taking. Play silly games with rhyming words or words which begin with the same letter.

Thank you for your continued support,
The Nursery Team