

## Nursery Newsletter –Spring term 2019

Welcome to all the children who have just started their education journey at Holy Family and welcome back to those who are returning following the Christmas break.

The children are settling well and are enjoying the activities available.

This term the children will continue to have opportunities to independently play and explore the many areas in Nursery including the construction, writing, and sand and water areas. They are getting very good at accessing equipment and toys independently and replacing them when they are finished. Their social skills are developing as they learn to play cooperatively, to share, to take turns, to help one another, to take care of others and to respect property and the toys they use.

We are focussing on vocabulary across the school and the nursery children will be introduced to a word each day which will usually link to our chosen story. We will talk about what each word means and then the children will be encouraged to use their ever expanding vocabulary!

Each day alongside the child initiated time the children will take part in adult led activities. Every morning we will split into our key worker groups to share experiences and discuss a variety of topics. We will continue the phonics programme 'Letters and Sounds' and the children will take part in daily small group sessions which will involve them listening to and copying sounds, clapping syllables in words and lots of rhyming and alliteration activities. We will also begin to introduce letter sounds to some of the children using the Read, Write Inc programme.

Daily 'dough gym' and 'funky fingers' sessions in which the children take part in different activities which develop the muscles which are needed to hold a pencil correctly and do other fine motor activities will be continued.

### General Points

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

### How can you help?

Please share experiences and achievements from home by adding comments and photographs to your child's Tapestry account. We can then use this as a tool for your child to share those experiences with their friends.

Ask your child about the story that we have read at the end of their session. See if they can remember the new word they learnt and what it means.

Talk to your child about colours, numbers and shapes they see around them. Sing songs and rhymes. Encourage them to carry out simple tasks and to have a go to do things for themselves such as put on their coat, shoes etc. If your child shows an interest in writing their name then please encourage them and show them how it is written in lower case letters- please ask a member of staff if you are unsure of letter formation.

Every child is welcome to choose a book from our bedtime story selection, which you can find in our cloakroom area, to share with you at home. Please spend some time reading the book together and talking about what might happen or about the characters in the story. You might also like to share these experiences on Tapestry.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Morrison and Miss Foltanova