

Nursery Curriculum letter – Autumn 2016

Dear parents, carers and friends. A warm welcome to Leighswood School.

At the beginning of each term we like to inform you of the planned opportunities that your child will have to 'Play and Explore', 'Actively Learn' and 'Think Creatively and Critically' all of which are characteristics of effective learning. This letter will also provide you with general information you need to know.

Autumn Term

The overall focus for the first half of the Autumn Term is "My New School" and we will be supporting the children to settle into their new environment and build relationships with their new friends and teachers. We are getting to know your children, what motivates them, inspires them and what learning style they prefer. We will also ensure children have opportunities to learn and develop in all areas of the Foundation Stage Curriculum. The following information outlines many of the experiences your children will have:

PRIME AREAS OF LEARNING

1. Personal, Social and Emotional Development



During this term we will focus on: sharing, turn taking, and developing relationships with new friends and adults. We will encourage their independence in Nursery and the wider environment of the school.

How you can help?

Help your child to be independent. Can they put on and take off their own coat and shoes? Encourage them to do things independently and give lots of praise for their efforts. 😊

2. Physical development



In this area we will develop their control and co-ordination in both large and small movements. We will be introducing our healthy snack table and encouraging them to taste a range of fruit and vegetables.

How you can help?

Support your child's physical development by enjoying walks and visits to the park. Have fun using different tools e.g Cooking, painting and encourage them to try different healthy foods.

3. Communication and Language Development



When developing relationships with each other good communication is vital. We use makaton signing throughout Nursery and this will support communication, verbal and non- verbal. We will share thoughts, feelings, ideas and experiences with each other to develop children's language and communication.

How you can help?

How you can help at home: try to find quality time to talk to your child about their day, their thoughts and their ideas. Let us know any significant developments they make at home and we can put it in their Learning Journey.

SPECIFIC AREAS

4. Mathematics



This term the children are practising counting in a variety of ways. Counting objects, actions, sounds and taking part in many exciting maths activities. We start by counting body parts, arms, legs, fingers etc.

How you can help?

Talk about numbers and count any items you have in your home. How many fish fingers do they want for tea? Can you fetch me 5 leaves from the garden?

5. Literacy



Every day children share stories in their family group. We also encourage children to use our book corners independently. Children will access many forms of writing and mark making using a variety of equipment.

How you can help?

Share stories with your child each day. Make up stories with them. Share new and traditional stories.

6. Understanding of the world



Your child will start Forest Schools this term. This is a chance to find out about and explore the natural world. In ICT children will be introduced to a variety of technology, computers, laptops, cameras, CD players and torches

How you can help?

Encourage your child to notice aspects of their environment, what do they like/dislike?

7. Expressive Arts and Design



The children will be introduced to our creative area where they can express their thoughts and ideas through a variety of materials.

Our enabling environment will be set up to develop role play and imaginative play. They will listen to a variety of music and learn new songs and rhymes.

How you can help?

Introduce children to a variety of music. Which do they like? Please tell us. Is it pop, classical, rap, brass bands?

INFORMATION

Book Bags. This term your child will be bringing a Book Bag home every Friday. Please share this with them. It is very good for them to hear the story several times, maybe by the end of the week they can 'read' it to you! Please fill in the note book provided and have a look at what other children thought about the book.

The Autumn term is an exciting busy time for us all. We look forward to working with you and your child this term.

LOOK OUT FOR OUR PUMPKIN PARTY ON THURSDAY 20TH OCTOBER 4.30 - 6

AND OUR CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES IN DECEMBER.

