



## Nursery Curriculum letter – Summer 2017

Dear Parents, carers.

We are looking forward to our Summer term. We hope we will get a lot of sunshine with a few showers to help our plants grow.

Once again this term we will be creating opportunities for children to ‘**Play and Explore**’, ‘**Actively Learn**’ and ‘**Think Creatively and Critically**’ all of which are characteristics of effective learning.

The following information outlines the Learning and Development your children will be accessing this term.

### PRIME AREAS OF LEARNING

#### Personal, Social and Emotional Development



This term we will be talking about transition into Reception, we will be visiting Reception and meeting our new teachers on many occasions. Also the Reception teachers will be coming to read stories in Nursery.

Children have developed many skills in becoming independent and many can now manage wet suits, shoes and coats independently. We will continue to encourage this independence throughout the summer in preparation for Reception in September.

#### *How could you help at home?*

*Talk to your child about their move into Reception in September. How exciting it will be to meet new teachers and have a new classroom. Develop their independence by encouraging them to put on own coat, shoes etc*

#### Physical development



Keeping Healthy – The Forest School Lunch Club is a great success and we want to continue our focus on healthy eating throughout this term. We hope to eat some of the healthy produce we are growing in our garden.

#### *How could you help at home?*

*Please help us by putting fruit into your child’s packed lunch and NO sweets or chocolate. Talk to your child about this.*

Physical development. We are developing ways to ensure your child uses one handed tools regularly. These include pencils, scissors, chalk, crayons, paint brush, glue stick and many more.

#### *How could you help at home?*

*Give your children lots of opportunities to make marks/write. Inside and outside, clipboards, marker pens, chalk, pens, paint, sticks, use your imagination to develop new ways of ‘writing and drawing’ with your child.*



#### Communication and Language Development

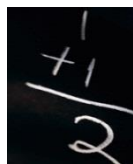
This term we will be encouraging children to listen carefully in a variety of contexts. We would like them to listen to each, to adults, to visitors, to puppets in play. We also will be offering them a variety of opportunities to discriminate between sounds, what can they hear?

#### *How could you help at home?*

*Play listening games with your child, can they hear different sounds, can they still hear a really quiet sound. All this listening supports their ability to hear sounds when we start phonics in reception.*

## SPECIFIC AREAS

### Mathematics



We will be taking Maths outside this term including 5 speckled frogs to counting the seeds we plant.

A shape hunt in the environment will encourage children to be curious about shape, space and measure.

*How could you help at home?*

*Count with your child every day, make it fun, count actions as well as objects*

### Literacy



We hope you and your child continue to enjoy their story bags. We have included some new ones this term.

Mark making is a big part of literacy and children will be using a variety of media to do this. They will be encouraged to make letter shapes and marks that will support their writing.

*How could you help at home?*

*Children will have a new set of book bags this term, please continue to enjoy them with your child and return on a Friday*

### Understanding of the world



Forest School continues as we look at the changes in our environment over the seasons.

We will be tackling the gardening this term; planting our allotment with delicious fruit and vegetables and weeding the garden.

### Expressive Arts and Design



Children are listening to a variety of music this term and using this to move and dance to.

They are also trying several painting techniques using many provocations circus performances.

The Summer term is an exciting, busy time for us all. There are many activities that will develop from children's interests throughout the term, I'm sure they will tell you about them.

### **\* IMPORTANT DATES! \***

**Nursery School Trip – Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup>, IT WILL BE AN EARLY START! We are going to see Sarah and Duck at The Mac Theatre in Cannon Hill Park followed by a play in the park and a picnic.**

**All the children will come on the school trip therefore there will be NO forest school this week.**