

Nursery Curriculum letter – Autumn 2017

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 some 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 learn and develop in all of the seven areas of the Foundation Stage Curriculum. The following information outlines the Learning and Development for this term in all areas of learning in the **Foundation Stage Curriculum**.

PRIME AREAS OF LEARNING

1. Personal, Social and Emotional Development



During this term the learning and development will focus on: sharing, turn taking, developing relationships with other children and grown-ups and developing their independence in Nursery and in the wider environment of the school.

How you can help?

Help your child to recognise their own coat and support them to put it on by themselves. Encourage them to do things independently and give lots of praise for their efforts. 😊

2. Physical development



In this area of development we will be focusing on their control and co-ordination by encouraging the children to use both large and small equipment as they move around the indoor and outdoor spaces. We will be introducing our healthy snack table where a range of fruit and vegetable will be available to taste. We will also be encouraging children to be independent in the bathroom.

How you can help?

Support your child's physical development by enjoying walks and visits to the park. Have fun using different tools when cooking, preparing food or painting. Encourage them to try different healthy foods. Use lots of praise/stickers for their efforts when training to use the toilet or potty.

3. Communication and Language Development



When developing relationships with each other communication is the key. We use Makaton signing throughout the Nursery and this will support communication, verbal and non-verbal. Sharing thoughts, feelings, ideas and experiences are all important. We praise 'good talking and good listening' between peers and adults.

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 everyday items you have in your home. How many windows are there in your house? Can you fetch me 6 grapes please?*

5. Literacy



Every day children share stories in their family group. We also encourage children to use the books independently that are all around our environment, indoors and out.

How you can help? *Share stories with your child each day. Make up stories with them. Share new and traditional stories. Visit your local library*

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. 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, which do they like?*

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 with your child's thoughts on the book. These book bags are very important learning and development resource and we would appreciate that you and your child take great care of them so that all the children can enjoy them throughout the year. If a book or resource gets damaged please tell us so that we can replace them. We know accidents happen and it is not a problem.

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

Dates : **October 16th 17th – parents evenings come and find out how your child has settled into Nursery**
December 1st – Christmas craft Day – more details to follow



