

Nursery Curriculum Letter – Autumn 2018



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 important dates for your diaries.

PRIME AREAS OF LEARNING

1. Personal, Social and Emotional Development During this term the learning and development will focus on: continuing to develop the children's confidence and independence within different the Nursery and school environments.

How you can help? *Help your child to recognise their own coat and shoes; 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 vegetables 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.*

INFORMATION

Book Bags. This term your child will be bringing a Book Bag home every Friday. It is really 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 resources and book bags are very important learning and development resources and we would appreciate that you and your child take great care of them so that all the children can enjoy these fabulous resources throughout their time in Nursery. If a book or resource gets damaged please tell us so that we can replace them. The Autumn term is an exciting busy time for us all. We look forward to working with you and your child this term.

