

## Autumn 2021 Newsletter

### Welcome to Nursery

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome from the Nursery team to all the children starting with us this term or returning to our Nursery and to you, their parents and carers. We are looking forward to getting to know the children and supporting them in their learning journey as the school year progresses. They all look so smart in their school uniforms. We understand that settling into a new setting takes time. Time to become familiar with new routines, the learning environment and getting to know the members of staff. We hope that we can make this transition as smooth as possible.

#### **The Children's Learning Journey**

Over the next few weeks we will be getting to know your child and finding out about his or her interests. We will use this knowledge to develop their characteristics of an effective learner. These characteristics are 'playing and exploring', 'active learning' and 'creating and thinking critically.' Children will be able to self-select the activities that they wish to do and the adults will enter their play and find ways to develop these skills of engagement, motivation and thinking! At the end of the Nursery session we will have a short carpet time session. Learning will be both practical, hands on and fun!

#### **Borrowing Books**

Sharing a story is important to the children's learning journey so the Nursery children will be allowed to select a book to take home. Book change will be on Mondays and Thursday. The children will be given a Reading Record each. Please write any comments, or questions, about your child's reading in their Reading Record and keep it in your child's book bag. Ten minutes a day spent sharing a story and talking about the story can really increase children's vocabulary. We will be sending home a leaflet produced by Bookstart with top tips and ideas when reading with your child.

#### **Messy Play**

Life in Nursery can get very messy! We always encourage children to wear an apron at the water trays and painting areas, both outside and indoors. During the wetter weather our outside area can become very muddy and so too do the children. We will encourage them to wear welly boots so if you have a pair at home that you are happy for your child to bring into school please do. However we do have spares. We have recently added a mud kitchen to our outside space. We have a small amount of mud suits available for the children to use. If your child has their own mud suit which you would like them to use please bring it in and we will help remind them to use it outside. Having a change of clothes on your child's peg is also useful for those moments when they might play in the water tray or splash in muddy puddles a little too enthusiastically.

#### **Attendance**

If for any reason your child is unwell and as a result unable to attend Nursery, please phone the school office with the reason.

#### **The Coronavirus**

We are still taking many precautions in Nursery to stop the spread of the Coronavirus. Children will wash their hands frequently throughout the day and hand sanitizer will be available. We will talk to the children about how when we cough or sneeze we 'Catch it, kill it, bin it' or sneeze into your arm. We will help children to remember how our fingers need to be kept out of our mouths and away from our faces.

**£1 pot**

In Nursery we have a £1 pot which helps us to pay for items such as creative materials, playdough and cooking ingredients. Please contribute when you can.

We look forward to working with you.

Kind regards

Mrs Roy, Mrs Meader and Miss Judd