



NURSERY NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2 2019

Welcome back! We cannot quite believe that this is the last half term already! These last few weeks have quite a few different timings, so please take particular note of the dates for your diary below. We will be learning about an individual minibeast each week in the following order:

Week 1 (beginning 3rd June) : caterpillars

Week 2 (beginning 10th June): butterflies/moths

Week 3 (beginning 17th June): snails

Week 4 (beginning 24th June): ladybirds

Week 5 (beginning 1st July): ladybirds

Communication and Language & Literacy

We will soon be changing our role play area to be a "Minibeast Café" where, I am sure, the children will create all sorts of imaginative dishes for their friends. Children will be encouraged to introduce a simple storyline into their play, and to take on roles in the café.

We will be reading and studying lots of lovely stories relating to the minibeasts we are focusing on. We will continue to share and discuss the stories we come across, commenting and asking questions about them, particularly focussing on "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle and Julia Donaldson's "What the Ladybird Heard".

We will continue to develop children's use of mark making for meaning by making story maps and filling in a caterpillar life cycle diary during the term. Please encourage your child to use the correct letter formation now, and a tripod grip (rather than a thumb and two finger pencil grip) as this will prepare them for September.



There are just four letter sounds left to learn... v, y, x, and qu. After a week on each of these we will be revisiting and consolidating all the letters we have learnt, and using our knowledge for more oral blending and segmenting activities, giving the children the skills to read and write simple CVC words next year.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will be talking about our bodies, how to take care of them, and growing up. We will use stories such as "The Bad Tempered Ladybird" to talk about more complex emotions and facial expressions. The children are doing increasingly well with sharing and playing co-operatively. We are now teaching the children to solve simple disputes for themselves to build their independence, so they use their words and be patient with their friends, rather than coming straight to a grown up,

Physical Development

Nursery will be participating in PE lessons on a Tuesday with Miss McCrone or on Friday with Miss de Souza. This half term pupils will continue to focus on movement, balance and ball skills. We will also be preparing pupils for Sports Day by practicing relevant activities.

We are continuing to develop the children's ability to care for themselves, focussing on the ability to practice appropriate safety measures without direct supervision, for instance carrying scissors appropriately.

Maths

We will continue to compare different amounts of objects, saying when they have 'the same' amount. We are going to think together about one more and one less of a given number, beginning to use the language of 'adding' and 'taking away' in our sessions. We will order numbers and reinforce the class's numeral recognition. Our Minibeast Café will enable children to use the language of number and currency in context.

Understanding the World

It has been lovely to see the children become so engaged with the minibeasts they see around them! We will look at life cycles together and will watch live caterpillars develop into butterflies in the classroom, and we are encouraging children to observe more detailed differences and similarities in their environment, and in the minibeasts we are studying.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be making more 2D and 3D art to show the minibeasts we are learning about. We will be learning more about collage, exploring clay, and developing our artistic talents even more!

We will be continuing with the theme of Minibeasts, linking the musical activities with the minibeast they're studying in class. We will be aiming to develop the children's musical awareness through singing, putting actions to the beat and playing singing games. We will also be focusing on practising their listening skills through moving to minibeast music and using sung instructions, as well as practising the songs for the Early Years and Key Stage 1 show.

Important dates for your diary:

Please look carefully, as there are quite a few dates where children are invited in for the days they are not usually in Nursery:

-Wednesday 26th June - Whole Nursery trip to Bockett's Farm

ALL children will need to be in school at 8.55am and will be on the trip for the whole day. They will also need to bring a packed lunch in a disposable, named bag. A separate letter will follow.

If you have a DBS and would be able to volunteer to come with us, please do talk to Miss de Souza as soon as possible (even if you have talked to us already do confirm!)

-Wednesday 3rd July - End of Topic Celebration (11.00 for first half of the week children, 2.45 for full time and second half of the week)

We would like to invite you into the classroom on to see what the children have learnt so far about minibeasts. The children love the chance to show you around!

-Thursday 4th July - Early Years and Key Stage 1 Sports Day *CHANGED HOURS

ALL children are invited to attend during the morning. Nursery will be participating in lots of different sporting activities and races on Putney Common. **First half of the week children should meet us down at Putney Common!**

Sports day will conclude with a picnic at 12:00pm. All children need to be collected by 12:30pm including the full-timers - PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON THIS AFTERNOON. See a separate letter to follow with more details.

-WEEK Monday 8th July - KS1 and EYFS summer performance *CHANGED HOURS

We will be practising hard for our performance in the Early Years and Key Stage 1 play. Performance week begins Monday 8th July - dates and timings will be different for the second half of the week children particularly. Tickets will be issued nearer the time. Each family gets one ticket for each performance, and often families may swap these between themselves.

Monday 8th July: Dress rehearsal and first performance

-FIRST HALF AND FULL TIME CHILDREN - school as normal (come in costume and please bring their uniform in a labelled bag)

-SECOND HALF CHILDREN to attend morning school between **8.55am - 10.15am (in costume please)**. Children should then return to Nursery at 2.00pm in full costume for the performance at 2.15pm.

All Nursery children will be collected from the hall at the end of the performance (approximately 3.00pm)

Tuesday 9th July: Second performance

-FIRST HALF AND FULL TIME CHILDREN - school as normal (come in costume and please bring their uniform in a labelled bag)

-SECOND HALF CHILDREN to attend morning session between **8.55am - 10.00am (in costume please)**.

Wednesday 10th July: NO AFTERNOON SESSION

There will be no afternoon session - this is due to the induction for next year's Nursery children. Full time children should be collected with the first half of the week at 11.30.

Wednesday 17th July - Nursery Celebration: *CHANGED HOURS

We would like to celebrate the end of term with a short 'Nursery Graduation' and picnic. **All children will need to attend the morning session (8:55am)**. At 11am we would like to invite all parents to attend a short celebration in the school hall. At this time the children will receive a certificate for all their achievements throughout the year. After the 'graduation' (approximately 11:30am) ALL children will be dismissed and parents, children and Nursery staff will walk down to Leaders Gardens for a picnic, to continue our celebrations (and celebrate Alfie Bear's birthday!) **PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO AFTERNOON SESSION.**

Friday 20th July - Last Day of Term

The day ends at the slightly earlier time of 2.30pm.

OTHER THINGS TO NOTE:

Sunny weather

A reminder to send your children into school with a named baseball cap or summer hat and to apply sunscreen on your child before coming to school. We are not allowed to apply additional sunscreen so please investigate 'All Day' sunscreen brands.

Spare Clothing

Please do also have a look for Nursery spare clothing at home that may have got caught up with other uniform. We are running low and missing lots of socks in particular!

Canvases

We still have lots of the children's beautiful canvases they made for the Art Exhibition. These are available to buy for £5. Please purchase through the office, and then we can send these home!

Volunteers for trips

If you have a DBS and would be able to volunteer to come with us to Bockett's Farm, please do talk to Miss de Souza as soon as possible (even if you have talked to us already do confirm!). If anyone is free on any Tuesday or Thursday mornings this term for a fun potential trip, do also chat to Miss de Souza.

A few requests for donations

- If you have any clean recycling, please continue to pass it on to a member of the Nursery team - it will be very well used!
- If you know of anyone giving away old toys, or even climbing frames and outside gear, we are currently looking for things to add to our outdoor classroom, so would love to hear of anything looking for a home! We are also looking for books that are in good condition.
- Finally any old uniform (even pants, socks and shoes) you no longer use would be very much appreciated for our spare sets; we are low on supplies at the moment.

Once again a huge thanks for your continued support and encouragement, and wishing you all a very good half term,

Miss de Souza, Mrs Baines and Mrs Dias