11th September 2019

Nursery Autumn Topic Letter

Welcome to Nursery. Here are some of the objectives that we will be covering in Nursery. The first few weeks are all about getting to know each other, so our topic will be ‘Marvellous Me’.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

* We will be getting to know each other and learning how to play nicely together.
* We will be learning how to sit nicely in circle times and learning about the rules and boundaries in our new class. We use behaviour reminders at circle times to help us remember how to sit nicely, put up hands up etc.
* We will be learning how to be brave and leave our carers when we are dropped off at our new class.

Expressive Art and Design

* We will be busy this term getting creative so that we can put our work up on our display boards.
* We will be learning our colours.
* Junk Modelling in our creative area.
* Painting and decorating our prayer tree.
* We will be dancing and singing with instruments and using them in our phonics lessons.

Literacy (reading and writing)

* We will be choosing some of our favourite stories, rhymes, songs, poems or jingles and singing them together.
* We will also be discussing the pictures in our stories. This will help us to understand how the story is structured and challenge us to guess how stories might end (if we haven’t already read the book beforehand).
* We will have the opportunity to draw and make marks in all areas of our classroom with various resources. However, we will be doing some focused activities too. We will be drawing ourselves and our families to help us distinguish between our marks and help us to draw recognisable pictures.
* If we are able to write our names already we will practise writing it in the pre-cursive font which we use in school.

Communication and Language

* We will be singing and dancing to lots of nursery rhymes.
* We will also be having stories everyday so that we can discuss the pictures in the books and have conversations with our group about the books.
* We will be practising sitting in our groups and taking turns to talk and listen to each other.
* We will be learning how to follow instructions at nursery.

Reminders

* Please remember to bring spare clothes in your child’s PE bag which will stay at school.
* Please bring in some wellies.
* Please bring your child’s dinner money in, in a sealed envelope with your child’s name on.
* No toys in school
* Remember to put names in all uniform

Understanding the world

* We will be talking about families and friends.
* Lots of pretend play in our home corner role play area.
* Learning about our similarities and differences.
* Playing in our small world area with the cars, trucks and trains.
* Doing some of our group times outside.

Physical Development

* We will be developing our fine motor skills by playing ‘Dough Disco’. You could also practise this at home with your child, all you need to have is some play dough and search in YouTube ‘Dough Disco’.
* Miss Smith will be working with us all to see how we hold our pencils and draw. We will be drawing ourselves and our families for our display boards.
* We will be venturing outside to explore our new school and outdoor area.

Mathematics

* We will be counting numbers and using our fingers and objects to represent them.
* We will be using lots of mathematical language in everyday conversations and during our maths group times such as more and less.
* We will be learning our shapes and colours.