**19th April 2022**

Nursery Summer Knowledge Planner.

Welcome to Nursery. Here are some of the objectives and some of the activities and events that we will be covering in Nursery this term.

Topics & Events that we will be celebrating this term.

This term we will be learning all about Mini Beasts-this is one of my favourite topics. The children love to engage with the natural environment and the take care of the creatures that we find.

We have a busy few weeks with filled with lots of events. We will firstly, be celebrating St Georges day next week. We will be looking at the story of the patron saint and learning about why this day is important to people living in England. We will also be looking at the St Georges flag and creating our own St Georges flags.

On the 13th May we will be promoting reading within Nursery and joining in with the Book Trust event ‘Pyjamarama’. On this day, children will be able to come to school wearing their favourite pyjamas and have fun-filled ‘pyjama’ day! We will be reading lots of books and the children can bring in their favourite story from home too! In return, if it is possible could you bring in a donation of £1 and this money will go towards buying some new books for our class-the children will be able to help to choose which books we purchase too. We will also be having a cake sale for you to purchase biscuits and cakes that the children have made, I will send a letter out closer to the time with further details on. ☺

May Day-We will be celebrating the traditional May day and learning that marks the first day of Summer. We will be doing lots of summer event, such as having ice creams and following the tradition of May day dancing around a pole covered in ribbons.

The Queens Platinum Jubilee-We will be celebrating the Queens Jubilee with lots of fun filled events across the week before we break up for the holidays. We will be learning about the Royal family and learning about what a Jubilee is. We will also be having our very own ‘Garden Party’ filled with fun games, party food and lots of dancing-and maybe even a little some face painting!

Each week we change the resources and activities in Nursery, the changes are based on children’s interests, festivals that we are celebrating, children’s next steps and our topics. We provide lots of messy play, creative activities and fine motor activities which change each week too.

Our Nursery Rhymes this Term

London Bridge is Faling Down & The Wheels on the Bus.

We will be practising these lots so that we can sing them all by ourselves. Please could you practise these at home too. ☺

Mathematics

* We will looking closely at the properties of shapes and making models with shapes.
* We will be continuing to subitise up to 5 and really focusing on numbers 0-5 so that children get a really good understanding of these numbers.
* We will be problem solving using mathematical problems from verbal sentences. We will be looking at how to share amounts of things out equally and discussing our methodology.
* We will be learning about simple concepts of time, such as days of the week and our daily routines.
* We will be working more closely with patterns and investigating trickier patterns and number patterns.
* We will continue to practise using positional language.
* We will be working hard to form numbers in a fun and engaging way-such as painting numbers and using our gross motor movements outdoors to chalk numbers on the floor.

Literacy.

* We will be recognising different signs and logos.
* We will be learning to recognise our names continuing to write them if we are ready to do this. If we are ready for it, we will also be learning how to write our surnames. We will be really concentrating on forming our letters correctly.
* We will be listening to lots of stories with our teachers and looking at sequencing the stories and retelling stories in our own words and also by acting them out with props and story sacks.
* We will now be orally blending and segments words and also beginning to learn how to write some simple CVC words.
* Bringing in and sharing our favourite stories from home.

Key Books

The Hungry Caterpillar

The Life Cycle of a Butterfly

Flip, Flap Mini Beasts

Communication and Language

* We will be retaining key vocab from our topic such as insect, vertebrates, invertebrates, cacoon, lavae, segments, habitat-these sound tricky but it is always good to expose children to the correct terminology from a young age.
* Sharing our thoughts and opinions on what mini beasts we like and dislike and why.
* Discuss and describe characters and mini beasts in our stories.
* Continuing to describe and discuss size and positions.
* Using role play to re-enact stories and the Queens Jubilee

Gentle Reminders

* Please remember to bring spare clothes in your child’s PE bag which will stay at school.
* Remember to put names in all uniform.
* Please ensure that correct uniform is worn.
* Please ensure that your child has a book bag in school as we have lots of things to take home at the end of the day.
* Please ensure that your child’s reading book and green reading record book are in school every day as we read these with children in school.
* Please ensure that you are not late to drop your child off at school and also please ensure you are on time to collect **(9am-3.15pm).**

Thank you.