

Nursery Weekly News



6.9.20

A very warm welcome to all our new parents and children, and welcome back to our existing families. It was so lovely to see you all on Thursday and Friday. Firstly, I must say how totally amazing the children were at their visits and how well the other children helped. Thank you so much for preparing your children so well and contributing to such positive visits and also for entrusting your children into our care. Although the children did very well on their visits, we realise it has been a strange couple of years and children may well have had different experiences due to this. For some it might be that after lots of time at home with parents coming to nursery everyday might be quite an adjustment. Children are welcome to attend their full sessions throughout the week if you feel they are ready, or you are welcome to start part-time and build up to full sessions, with the flexibility for a longer part-time option for any children who need it. Please let me know by email nursery@woodstock.oxon.sch.uk what you feel would work best for your child if you don't think they are ready to attend all their sessions or let me know if you would like me to call you to discuss.

Thank you so much for getting the sheets in the blue folders back to us. If there are any sheets or All About Me booklets outstanding, please return them as soon as possible. These forms are very important and allow us to help change your child, seek medical care in an emergency, ensure correct collection arrangements for example, as well as take photographs.

Thank you also for getting the uniform for the children. They look really smart. We do have some second-hand available uniform including polo shirts and jumpers. Some children prefer to wear a long sleeve navy t-shirt under the polo shirt as the weather gets colder rather than the jumper as some find it a bit restrictive. We also have some second-hand fleeces available if you think that is something your child might like as the weather gets colder.

The purpose of this weekly newsletter is to help us share child-related information and our educational aims with you. We recognise parents as children's first and most enduring educators, and we hope the Newsletter is another way in which we can offer support. We are keen to involve parents in their child's learning. We spend lots of time this term observing and getting to know the children; what they enjoy and are interested in. We invite you to share any ideas you may have about activities we could carry out in Nursery that you think your child might enjoy or benefit from. We have already picked up some information from the All About Me booklets; thank you for completing those. We will be getting Evidence Me set up as we feel the children are settled enough for us to make use of it. Also please feel free to use the nursery email address if you need to contact us about anything.

Through our provision we aim to stimulate the children's interest and curiosity and then follow their lead. We have a clear plan of where we need to be taking the children's learning and development through the curriculum we provide. Development Matters is the guidance that helps support the statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). This has been reviewed and the revised version is being implemented nationwide from this September. As we were early adopters, we have been using this curriculum guidance for the past year. If you do not feel completely familiar with the content of all the areas of the EYFS curriculum, that is something we hope to address through sharing information, each week in this newsletter.

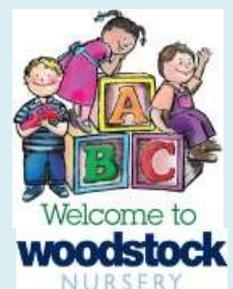
Each week we will share a little of what children have been learning and enjoying. We hope this will give you expectations of the kinds of things nursery aged children may be learning to do. Some weeks we will give extra information about areas of the curriculum, child development, or ideas for activities to try at home.

Please let us know what you think, or any ideas you have.

We look forward to working with you.

Best wishes

Ellie Green & Kelly McIlroy



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Autumn Term in Nursery

The first term in Nursery is all about settling the children; both settling back in for those already at Nursery and helping newcomers feel safe and secure in the Nursery environment. During this term we aim to help increase children's independence in selecting and carrying out activities. We will be focusing on developing relationships and reflecting on our experiences to help promote communication and language.

Through a very broad overarching theme 'This is Me!' we want to really get to know the children and for them to feel increasingly able to talk freely about their home and community and gain a sense of personal identity.

As much as possible will be using the children's natural desire to learn, explore and question in our teaching. Through offering core provisions and an environment that enables this activity we will capture moments of engagement for the children. We will observe and listen closely to the children to pick up on the things, places and people that spark their interest. We use open ended questions to promote deeper thinking. We also praise and reinforce positive learning experiences.

We use a core set of books and stories throughout the year, for the children to become familiar with. We will publish these in further newsletters so you can support learning at home. We will also be acknowledging 'special days' and 'special people,' as celebrated events from a variety of faiths and cultures as they occur.

Activities covering all areas of the Early Years Curriculum, will take place both indoors and outdoors. Outdoor learning is an important part of children's learning and development, and the children will be free to use the outdoor area daily. The children can move between being indoors and outdoors as they choose. Therefore, we ask that the children are sent in with clothing appropriate to the English weather! Thank you to everyone who has already sent in spare clothes and wellies. As soon as you have wellies please send them in. It would also be helpful if the children's shoes are named to help us make sure they put the correct shoes back on.

We are looking forward to working with you and your children. Our aim is to always be helpful and approachable, so please do let us know if you have anything that you would like to pass on or any questions.



This week we will particularly focus on: -

- Our Day – What happens at Nursery? Nursery routines (Hello time/ Registering/ Snack time/ Lunchtime/ Goodbye time)
- Finding where things are
- Learning each other's names and getting to know each other
- Recognising our own names in writing
- Reading and discussing stories
- Exploring paint & tools for mark making
- Exploring indoor and outdoor activities
- Number rhymes & Simple counting games
- The arrival of Autumn and the concept of seasons
- Listening to music
- Learning to role-play in the home corner and mud kitchen
- Personal hygiene and handwashing and getting our wellies on and off.