

Early Year Unit: Nursery Newsletter – Summer 2

Welcome

Welcome back Nursery I hope you have had a very well rested half term. Thank you to everyone for your support and participation last term and for those who attended and contributed to our coronation party we hope you all enjoyed the activities. We are now onto the last term; I would like to say a huge well done to all the children in nursery for their achievements and progress they have made throughout the year they have all done a fantastic job and we are now onto our final term together.

Miss Moorhouse

Summer 1 focus

This term the children will be learning about dinosaurs; creatures that were alive a very, very, long time ago. The children will be looking at both nonfiction and fiction books. The children will also be exploring rocks and fossils and what it was like many years ago to be a palaeontologist.



Phonics

At Hazel Leys, we use the *Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised* scheme. In Nursery, your child will take part in daily phonics sessions which will encourage them to listen to sounds in words, such as the sound that their name starts with. This term we will focus on the v, w, x y, z , qu , ch.

Phonics

Our new children that are joined us will still be looking at, S, a, t,p,i,n and playing listening attention games.

Literacy - Writing

During this term we will be doing our get squiggling session to help the children with their pencil grip.



We will also be looking at mark making in relation to stories we are learning about in class. We will also be focusing on name writing for those children going up to reception and pencil grip for the children staying with us.

Literacy - Reading

We will be sharing lots of lovely stories with your child in Early Years and we will upload stories to Tapestry for you to share at home.



Every Friday, your child will choose a 'Reading for Pleasure' book to take home. This is a book to be shared with the adults at home. By reading a wide range of books, your child will be emersed in storytelling and will expand their vocabulary.

We have now added reading groups every Friday this is when the children can pick a book in key worker groups and have a discussion on the book to help children with their listening but to also develop their vocabulary.

Maths

We LOVE to count in Early Years, we count everything and sing lots of number rhymes to help us remember the order of numbers when rote counting. This term we will be focusing on accurate number recognition and looking at number lines and ordering numbers from 0-10. We will also be looking at subitising and patterns.



Children who have just joined us will be looking at numbers 0-5 and counting objects.

Communication and Language

This term we will continue to retell stories in a variety of ways, ensuring that the children take on different roles. Children will be taught subject specific vocabulary so that they can use it accurately when talking about castles.



We will also continue sending a nursery rhyme home every Friday for you to practice with your child at home.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will be looking into healthy eating. We will be looking at how to keep ourselves healthy and what types of food are unhealthy. This will also link into exercise and why it is important we should exercise when we are at school.



Physical Development

In Nursery, we will be practising ways to move, encouraging fine motor activities, such as using scissors, pencils, and cutlery, encouraging good posture when sitting at the table or on the floor and practicing ball skills. We also have dough disco every morning to strengthen our fine motor skills.



Our **PE lessons** will be on **Tuesday**. Now the weather is getting warmer we will also have opportunities to have our PE sessions on the track.

Children are to come to nursery in clothes that allow them to move easily so they can take part in our PE sessions. E.G leggings/tracksuit and t-shirt.

Understanding the World

This term we will be learning about dinosaurs. The children will learn about two specific dinosaurs: Tyrannosaurus Rex and the Stegosaurus. We will be looking at comparing on how they walk? what they look like? and what they ate?



Expressive Arts and Design

We will be making lots of artwork that link to our topic this term such as designing our very own dinosaur and giving the dinosaur a unique name. using different materials such as paper plates to design a dinosaur. We will be designing dinosaur eggs and our own fossils using powder paints and felt tip pens.



Helping your child learn at home

- Share the 'Reading for Pleasure' book with your child.
- Encourage your child to put on their coats independently.
- Practice counting objects at home.



Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities.

Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



We will also be introducing a star of the week just in nursery class for your child to share at home with you.

Class information

Class Teacher: Miss Moorhouse

Teaching Assistants: Miss Witton and Miss Coupland

Please could all children arrive at Nursery by 8.55am as learning starts promptly at this time. The Children who are late miss out on the start of our daily learning and disturb the children who have arrived on time.

Please remember to bring spare clothes in for your child as we like to do messy play indoors and outdoors, we can leave this bag at nursery and take home when you need to change the clothes.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you do not put anything in that contains nuts and to make it a healthy selection of food.



Please could we ask that your Child does not bring any toys into school, including keeping them in their bags. We have lots of different resources in school that your child can play with during the day, so they do not need to risk breaking or losing their toys from home.

Please continue to bring your child's reading folder in on a Thursday, we will change them on Thursday and hand them back out on Friday when your child's go home.

Thank you again.

Dates for the diary!



Monday 5th June - school reopens to pupils
Wednesday 13th June – Reception New Intake Evening



Tuesday 4th July – Sports Day (Morning)
7th July - Transition Day for school starters to Hazel Leys Academy
20th July - Nursery Graduation for school starters
Friday 21st July – school closes for Summer