



Edmund Waller

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



Timekeeping

Our mornings begin at 9:00am and afternoon sessions at 12:50pm but to avoid all of the children arriving at the same time we leave the gate open for approximately 10 minutes. Please feel free to spend time at the beginning of the session looking at your child's work and to seeing what they have been up to. Our sessions finish at 11:40am and 3:30pm. Please ensure that you collect your child at this time as they may become upset if not collected on time with the rest of their friends. If you are running late for any reason then please contact the office.

Morning: 9:00am -11:40am
Afternoon: 12:50pm-3:30pm

Nursery

The whole team here in the Nursery would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Edmund Waller. We are very excited to meet your child and are looking forward to all of the good times that we will share together. To those children returning we can't wait to find out all about your summer holidays.

Mr Moore (Class Teacher) and Mrs Grant (Nursery Nurse)

Our Topic this Term is 'It's Good To Be Me'

During the first Autumn term at Edmund Waller we will be spending time getting to know all about your child and what they enjoy doing. We will be finding out about their family and friends and most importantly all about them.

We will be helping them to settle into their new learning environment and making sure that they are happy and safe. They will have time to explore the Nursery and talk to us about what they like and dislike.

Children learn through play and by doing and as a result the majority of your child's time in Nursery will be spent taking part in child initiated activities and self-directed play. As teachers and practitioners a big part of our role is to develop and expand their play by observing and modifying our practise and provision based on what they are doing. Children need to be interested in what they are doing in order to learn to their full potential and therefore many of our topics and learning will reflect the children's interests and ideas.

If you have any questions regarding your child's learning then please do not hesitate to speak to any of the Nursery staff.

Maths

This term we will be investigating numbers and counting in many different ways. Children will be learning about 2D shapes in their environment and about capacity and measurement (full, empty, long, short). They will be taught these skills through song and hands on activities where we will encourage the children to extend their vocabulary and investigate their own chosen mathematical problems and challenges.

Reminders:

- ◆ Your child can choose a book to borrow from the Nursery to take home. These can be swapped anytime as long as books are returned first. Reading at home and at school is a very important part of a child's learning and we greatly encourage it.
- ◆ Children are provided with a healthy snack and milk each day.
- ◆ On special occasions children will be allowed to bring in toys from home but generally we ask that children refrain from bringing them to school so that they don't get lost or broken.
- ◆ Please send your child to school wearing weather appropriate clothes. We will be outside come rain or shine (therefore a waterproof coat is essential) and activities can be a little messy so make sure your child's clothes aren't their Sunday best. Spare clothes are available but you may leave a bag of your child's spare clothes on their peg just in case they need to change.

Lunchtimes in the Nursery

Lunches for new children will be beginning the first week after half term (wb 31/10/16) and this will give your child the opportunity to stay for the whole day. During lunch they will be supervised by experienced members of staff who will ensure that they enjoy their lunch and have fun playing with their peers. Please ensure that your child has a healthy packed lunch with no fizzy drinks.

Young children can be very physical and as such we will be planning many activities that provide the children with opportunities to use their energy and to develop their gross motor skills (climbing, balancing etc.)

Activities inside and out are planned to help the children to develop their fine motor skills as well. This can involve playing with malleable materials, such as Playdo, using pencils and pens in mark making and painting.

Children will be encouraged to express themselves using music, song and dance and to act out various scenarios in the Home Corner/role play area.