



Edmund Waller



AUTUMN TERM CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT DATES

Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 18th October

Thursday 19th October

Parents and Carers Drop ins

Thursday 5th October 3.30pm

Thursday 2nd November

3.30pm

Memorable event

Gingerbread Man tea party

Tuesday 17th October

Physical Development

This term children will begin to develop both their gross and fine motor skills. They will be given opportunities to move around freely in the outside area, where they can improve their coordination and spatial awareness. They will also be encouraged to use a range of tools with control. These include paintbrushes, pens, tweezers, glue sticks and spoons.

Mud Kitchen

Our children love to use the mud kitchen and so if you have any spare metal teapots or kitchenware (colanders, whisks, spatulas etc.) that you could donate, they would be much appreciated.

Nursery

Welcome to Nursery!

It has been brilliant to meet the children and welcome them into the Nursery. They have already made a fantastic start and have settled into their first week well. We look forward to enjoying the rest of the term with them.

Our Topic this Term is 'Once Upon A Time'

We will be reading and exploring various traditional stories as a starting point for the children's learning. We will especially be looking at *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, *The Three Little Pigs* and *The Gingerbread Man*.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)

We will focus on getting the children settled into their new Nursery environment so that they are happy and confident to learn. We will encourage children to listen to one another, play cooperatively and take turns.

Communication and Language

We will provide a variety of opportunities for children to use speech within their play. We will introduce a variety of songs and rhymes with actions. During our daily circle times, children will be encouraged to talk about their interests and experiences.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will explore different ways of expressing themselves creatively, including painting, drawing, collage, construction and song. They will learn about different materials featured in our key stories. We will discuss changes to materials through cookery and malleable activities (messy play).

Understanding the World

Children will have opportunities to talk about themselves and their families, and to listen and compare with their peers' experiences. They will be encouraged to include technology such as phones, calculators and computers within their role play; and will also use age-appropriate software with adult support.

Mathematics

The children will learn about number, shape and measurement through practical activities. We will count and sort various objects in the context of our key stories. We will use everyday language to discuss the size and shape of different characters and story props. We will count and measure as we cook and make playdough.

Literacy

Our topic this term will use stories that children can easily access and there will be a focus on retelling stories both orally and through role play. Mark making and early writing opportunities will be provided. We will encourage children to immerse themselves in their learning by creating their own stories. We will begin pre-phonics teaching through sound differentiation, rhyming, alliteration and percussion.

Reading

Reading is the most important thing you can do with your child at home so we ask that you do this for ten minutes every day. This will help children to become life-long readers and will greatly benefit their development. Each child will be given a reading record, and will have the opportunity to choose a book to take home. If you have any questions regarding reading then please do not hesitate to ask a member of the Nursery team.