



Welford-on-Avon Primary School  
Nursery News  
6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Welcome to your first Nursery newsletter! You will receive a weekly newsletter every Friday, informing you of what your child has been learning and ways that you might be able to reinforce this at home. It will be a regular communicator between home and nursery. Do not hesitate to ask if you have any queries or concerns about any matter, however big or small.

As you may have noticed, building work has progressed well during the summer. Everything is going to schedule which means we should be able to move into our new nursery before half term. It is a very exciting time. Many thanks for your support with routines at the beginning and end of the nursery day.

We have had a fabulous first week in nursery, where everyone is beginning to settle well into nursery routines. For some, attending nursery is their first separation from parents, where for others it is the next stage of their early year's education. Whichever, we are excited to be part of the next stage of their learning journey.

#### LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS HALF TERM:

Our main focus during this autumn term is Personal, Social and Emotional development. We will be encouraging children to become more independent and to learn how to care for their own needs. You can help your child to do this by encouraging them to dress and undress themselves at home. This will assist them in PE when changing into their kit and to be able to put on their coat or an apron. A booklet will be sent home offering ideas to develop dressing and undressing skills.

On arrival at nursery, we encourage the children to find their own peg and put their bag in to the book bag box. Some children may need assistance with finding their own name, but we give them a clue by indicating which line their fish is in, helping them to distinguish theirs from only five or less.

Over the next few weeks Nursery will be focusing on our topic called 'I am Special'. The activities which have been planned will develop:

#### **Independence and Interdependence**

During these first few weeks the children will learn a great deal about relationships and how to get along with others. They will be introduced to activities to develop new skills and have opportunities to play alone, alongside and with other children.

#### **Communicating**

The children will be introduced to books, stories and rhymes. They will be involved in counting activities as well as some of the processes of art and craft. We will sing and learn some simple rhymes.

#### **Exploring**

Throughout these early days the children will learn about playing with materials such as sand and paint as well as to explore the environment around them to notice seasonal changes. They will be encouraged to talk about their observations.

#### **Healthy Living**

The children will begin to learn about paying attention and concentrating, as well as expressing emotions and emotional needs. Each day will bring opportunities to develop the ability to cope with change. We will also be supporting sharing and turn taking skills.

### **Memory Bag**

As part of our 'I am special' topic we would like your child to choose four things to put inside their memory bag. These might be photographs, a toy or object which reminds them of something from the past. Bags will be sent out next week. Please return your bag week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> September so that your child can talk about the items they have chosen, within a small group.

**Harvest Festival** - As autumn fast approaches, we will begin to talk about Harvest and how this is celebrated in our local community. We plan to walk to our local church, where we would like to contribute non-perishable foodstuffs and toiletries for the on-going work of the Birmingham City Mission.

**Cooking and craft contributions** - We are currently collecting a £6 contribution towards resources and materials that will enhance your child's learning experiences. Please return in the named envelope provided.

**Clothing** - Please name and add a big loop on **All** jumpers, cardigans and coats. Shoes also need naming.

**PE** - Every Wednesday your child will participate in activities to develop their physical skills. Your child will need shorts, t shirt, black jogging bottoms and trainers inside a named bag. These will stay at nursery and returned for washing at the end of each half term. This will begin next week. Please note that footwear is trainers not PE pumps and no laces please.

**Nail varnish** – It is school policy that nail varnish is not worn to school.

**Water bottles** - Water bottles need to be clearly named to encourage your child to find theirs independently. Please send bottles back the beginning of each week.

**Packed lunches**- As a safety precaution, please ensure grapes, olives, cherry tomatoes and any other fruits or vegetables deemed as a being choking hazard, are cut in half or smaller pieces.

If you have any queries about any of the above, please do not hesitate to come and ask. We are looking forward to working together with you to ensure your child has a happy, caring, safe and exciting beginning to their education.

Regards,

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Nursery teacher