

## Nursery Newsletter - Autumn 1 2018

We would like to give a big welcome to all our new parents and children to our nursery. We hope you had an enjoyable summer and ready for a fun term of learning. Our topic for this term is 'All About Me'. Below are ideas of some of the activities that we will be participating in order to develop our learning. On the reverse of this sheet is a reminder of the areas of learning.



### ALL ABOUT ME

Whilst the children are settling in, we will be talking about ourselves and our families. We will be using the children's family photo albums to talk about who is in our families and looking at how we say their names in the different languages our children speak. We will be creating our own hand prints and creating self-portraits.

### PEOPLE WHO HELP US



During this week of learning we will be looking at our emergency services and how they can help us.

We will be making our own doctors bag, exploring a crime scene, creating our own finger prints, talking about how germs make us ill and taking part in an exciting experiment.

### CALLING ALL PARENTS

Do you have a job or work somewhere the children would enjoy learning about? We are asking for parents to come and share their jobs with us. If you would like to come in, please see a member of the nursery team.

### BOOK AND PUZZLE LIBRARY

Every week parent helpers help the children to choose their book and puzzle and sign them out. If you would like to offer your help we would be pleased to have you. Please see the office for a DBS form.



### VETS

This week we will be talking about our pets at home and encourage all the children to bring in a photo of their pet.

The children will have the chance to role play in the vets and explore mark making on the vet's forms. Outside we will create our own pet salon and use our gross motor skills by completing an obstacle course.

### INFORMATION

Can I please ask parents to ensure your child's belongings are clearly labeled with their name as we cannot help you find them if they get mislaid?

Lunch time is a very important part of the day and the food the children eat contributes to their afternoon of learning. Please could we ask that the children bring in a healthy and balanced lunch to Nursery.

We have a strict **no grapes and cherry tomato** policy. This is due to the choking risk to our young children.

We thank you for your understanding and support.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Parent Consultations

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Parent Consultations

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Half Term

Please ensure you also read the whole school newsletter which is sent out each Friday.

## How we learn in the Early Years.

In the Early Years, children are guided by the development matters document. The three prime areas of learning are most essential for a child's readiness for future learning and healthy development. The four specific areas of learning build on the prime areas.

### Prime areas of learning

#### Communication and Language

Listening and attention

Understanding

Speaking

#### Physical Development

Moving and handling

Health and self-care

#### Personal, social and emotional development

Making relationships

Self-confidence and self-awareness

Managing feelings and behaviour

### Specific areas of learning

#### Mathematics

Numbers

Shape, space and measure

#### Literacy

Reading

Writing

#### Understanding the world

People and communities

The World

Technology

#### Expressive arts and design

Exploring and using media and materials

Being imaginative