

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and hello to all new parents and carers! We hope you had a great Summer. We are very excited to be back and ready to continue with our fantastic learning through play. Our theme for this half term will be 'Nursery Rhymes'. The children will be singing and taking part in activities based around familiar rhymes. Please don't hesitate to come and see a member of the Nursery team if you have any questions or would like to discuss anything. We look forward to working with you this year!

### Communication & Language

To help the children with their communication and language, we will have 'show and tell' on a weekly basis. Please bring something from home in with you every Wednesday; this could be a toy, a photograph anything your child would like to share. You could also talk with your child at home about what they would like to bring in.

### Physical Development

We are looking at how to look after ourselves this term including toileting, teeth brushing (we brush our teeth every day at Nursery!), hand washing routines and dressing ourselves. You can help your child with this at home by encouraging them to have a go at these things independently.

### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

As we have lots of new faces and changes to our class, we are working on making everyone's transition quick and happy! To help the children with this, we are focusing on settling into Nursery and making friends.

You can help them with this too: ask them about their friends and the things that they enjoyed doing throughout the day.

### Understanding the World

Coming back after our Summer holidays, we thought it would be nice to talk and look at pictures from our time off. You can also do this with your child at home; you can discuss what you did together over the summer and practise asking each other questions!

### Literacy

We will read many stories together this term including some Traditional Tales (Have a look at our Role Play area!). It's good to share your favourite stories again and again. Repetition helps children to understand and remember the language that they hear. We will also be having a 'Rhyme of the Week' which will be displayed on the board by the Nursery entrance. If you would like a copy of the rhyme, please ask. It would be great if you could practise this at home too!

### Mathematics

We will counting, matching numerals to objects and ordering numbers this term using interactive games and singing number rhymes such as 'One, two, three, four, five' and 'Five Little Ducks.' To help your child, you can practise counting objects around the house and pointing out numbers you see: - how about looking at house numbers while you are out for a walk together?

### Expressive Arts & Design

In Music, children will be exploring nursery rhymes. We will focus on the 'Rhyme of the Week'. You can help by encouraging your child to sing with you and the rest of the family at home.

We will have Mrs Mead for music every Wednesday and Friday.

We will be creating and experimenting using paint, play dough, messy play and our range of making materials. Keep an eye out around Nursery and on our 'I Can' board for our creations!

## Nursery Autumn 1 Nursery Rhymes



## Useful Information

### Contact Information

Please keep us up to date on your contact information. Particularly if your phone number has changed, in case we need to phone you in case of an emergency. **If anyone other than yourself is going to collect your child, we must be informed and they must be on our system kept by the school office.**

### No Nuts



We are a nut free school due to a number of children having severe nut allergies. Please do not bring in any nuts or anything in contains nuts, such as peanut butter, Nutella or snack bars

### Fruit

If you would like to contribute to snack time please bring in some fruit or vegetables occasionally.



### Parent Workshop

We would like to invite you to our 'Every Child a Talker' (ECaT) workshop on Monday 16th October at 9:15 in the Parent Partnership Room. The course will be no longer than 1 hour and will be a great way to learn how to help your child develop their communication and language skills. You will receive a free pack to use at home too!

### Spare clothes

Please could you make sure that you bring in some spare clothes and that are labelled, in case we need to change your child as we have limited spare clothes available. If you have any borrowed clothes from the Nursery, could we also ask that you bring these back as soon as possible please.

### Read, read, read!

Sharing books is a wonderful way to develop children's vocabulary and imagination. Children are welcome to borrow reading books from the Nursery, you will just have to sign in and out the books they have chosen.



### Top tips for sharing books with your child

- ◆ Find a quiet place. Turn off the TV or radio so there are no distractions.
- ◆ As well as reading the story, talk about what is happening in the pictures.
- ◆ Give your child time to respond to your questions.
- ◆ It's good to share your favourite stories again and again. Repetition helps children to understand and remember the language that they hear.

### Top tips for sharing songs and rhymes with your child.

- ◆ Your voice is your baby's favourite music so sing to them, even if you don't like your own voice!
- ◆ Make rhymes fun; make up actions that your child can follow- add in your child's name or make props for the rhymes.

### Other information...

We are learning lots of nursery rhymes this half term. If you would like to join in learning our songs, please ask for a copy or you can look on YouTube for the videos.  
<https://www.youtube.com>

You can also see what your children have been up to on our blog, you can access the school blog through our school website <http://www.shirleywarren.co.uk/>

Bags for Families and books are available for you to take home. Please speak to your child's key person if you would like to borrow them.