



Nursery

Half Termly Update

Autumn Term 1

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a wonderful summer break! Your children have settled in brilliantly and we have loved getting to know them. Existing children have enjoyed being back and getting to know their new friends.

A large part of the Early Years is that we focus on the Prime areas and spend time playing, learning how to manage our emotions, share and understand each other's feelings. These elements are ingrained in everyday activities, games and group work.

This half term we will be learning about The Zones of Regulation. This programme aims to teach children strategies to help them to identify their emotions and cope with these feelings so they can get back to feeling calm and ready to learn.

Literacy and maths sessions will happen daily. Reading books will be changed at least once a week, so please bring in book bags daily (we aim to do this on Wednesdays). The expectation is for you to read with your child daily and write a short comment in their reading diary. PE is on Mondays and Thursdays and Music will be on a Tuesday and Fridays.

We are kindly asking for a 50p donation per week towards class consumables, or a £3.50 donation to cover the whole half term, please hand this to a member of the Nursery team at drop off or pick up.

If you have not already done so, please send in a set of spare clothes for your child, including underwear and a pair of socks. Please ensure all clothes are clearly labelled with your child's name. Please also label all clothes your children are wearing and their water bottles.

Don't forget to check your child's Tapestry account and add any exciting things you have been up to as a family!

Thank you, we look forward to getting to know you all more.

The Nursery Team 😊

Maths

Maths is everywhere in our learning through play. We will particularly focus on: numbers to 5. Counting objects, saying one number for each item in order knowing that the last number reached tells you how many there are, showing finger numbers to 5 and linking numerals to amounts. We will also focus on colour and shape.

Literacy

We use the Talk4Writing literacy programme at Duncombe. Inspiring language development and creativity through storytelling. We will look at 'From Head to Toe', 'A Dark, Dark Tale' and 'Aaaarrggh Spider!' We will learn to internalise the language of the story so that we can imitate it, innovate on it and create our own stories.

We will also have a weekly Nursery Rhyme that we will focus on alongside.

Understanding the World

This half term we will be learning 'All about me'. Making sense of our own life-story and our family's history. We will also learn about keeping ourselves healthy and really looking at oral health where we will be brushing our teeth in school daily; this is in addition to you brushing their teeth at home and not in place of. We will also use our senses in hands-on exploration of natural objects and materials with similar and/or different properties to learn about the world around us.