

Nursery Newsletter for

April - May 2017.



Dear Parents,

When we return after the Easter holidays, we will continue with lots of Child Initiated planning based upon our observations of your children and their interests. If you have any ideas or suggestions of things you would like us to include in our planning that you feel your child would enjoy, please speak to any of the Nursery staff. We will also be talking about the key calendar dates which occur during the following half term, including St George's Day. We will continue to observe and talk about seasonal changes and how we can recognise signs of Spring in our environment. We are hoping for some special animal visitors, including the return of our tadpoles so that we can continue to watch them grow and become frogs. We are also very excited because for the first time ever, in school, we are having an incubator to hatch our own chicks. The incubator will be with us for 4 weeks and will be based in Nursery, but I am sure that all our classes in school will be visiting and eagerly anticipating 'hatching day'. This will be a fantastic experience for the children and will create many exciting learning opportunities for us.

Our Structured play area will be a 'Pets Area', this has come from a big interest amongst the children this year in role playing being different animals and also from all our lovely pet visitors.

In our phonic sessions, we will introduce letter sounds. Each time we introduce a letter sound, we talk about things beginning with that sound, we discuss how to form the letter correctly, we show the children the correct pronunciation of the sound and we learn a corresponding song and action. With each letter sound introduced we will also choose one of the children to take home 'Geoff' or 'George', our Nursery giraffes. Geoff and George go to stay for two nights (or for the weekend) and they bring with them a book to record things found in the home beginning with a particular sound. We will continue to work on lots of 'Oral Blending and Segmenting' and 'sound talking' words, for example 'c-a-t' or 'd-o-g', as well as beginning to record this in writing, using the sounds that we have currently introduced. All this will really help our children with their reading and writing once they start in Reception. Please remember the importance of pronouncing each sound correctly with your children. Here is the link I recommended to you to help with this in our previous newsletter. Search

on 'You tube' for <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RlpsmpWOUFY> or you can search for it by searching 'Sound Pronunciation Guide - Ruth Miskin Training'.

In our Literacy sessions, as we read stories or create our own, using our fabulous Tales Toolkit Big Bags, we will be developing an awareness of the way stories are structured. We will encourage the children to suggest how the story might end and we will begin to describe the main story settings, events and principal characters in a book. Please encourage these skills when you are sharing books at home with your child.

The children have made fantastic progress in numeracy this year. We will continue with lots of reciting numbers in order forwards and backwards, recognising numerals and matching the correct numeral to objects. We will be estimating how many there are and then checking. We will also be looking at what number is 'one more' and 'one less'. We will be working hard to achieve all our 'Nursery Non Negotiables' before the end of the year. We are putting these on this letter so that you can continue to work on these at home too.

Smithy Bridge Nursery are thrilled to announce that we have just been awarded our 'Golden Grin Award' at the GOLD level, for our TENTH consecutive year!!!! Thank you so much to all our families over the years, that have helped us maintain this status by only sending in water to drink, not 'meeting and greeting' from Nursery with sugary treats, encouraging children to brush their teeth morning and night and donating a 'Birthday Book' to Nursery rather than sending in sweets or cakes to celebrate their child's birthday. Thank you to Debbie from the Dental Health Team for TEN years of support in delivering 'Healthy Smiles' sessions in our Nursery with Duggie her dog and for supplying our children with tooth brushes and toothpaste. WELL DONE SMITHY BRIDGE NURSERY!!!!

If any of our full time children have not yet returned their reply slip regarding school meals for next term, please do ASAP.

Many thanks for your continued support during our Spring Term,

We would like to wish you all a Happy Easter

From all our Early Years Team.



End of Nursery Maths Non –Negotiables

- Pupils use number names accurately in play
- Pupils can recite numbers in order to 10.
- Pupils use fingers, marks on paper and pictures to represent numbers
- Pupils show curiosity about numbers by offering comments and answering questions
- Pupils recognise numerals 0-5
- Pupils count up to 5 objects by saying one number name for each item
- Pupils know that a group of things changes in quantity when something is added or taken away

Please note we are holding another Maths Event for Nursery and Reception children and an accompanying adult on Wednesday 24th May at 3.45-4.45pm. A letter with further information will be sent home nearer the time.

