

# Nursery Information

## Autumn Term - 2019



Miss Samways



Miss Hylton



Miss Hession



Miss Apeawin

Dates for the diary	
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of term
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	School closed for INSET day
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Children return to school

### Reminders

- **Reading** - We read with the children every day in small groups and share a story with the whole class during circle time. We encourage parents to read with their children as much as they can at home and we have a box full of books that can be borrowed.  
  
Tuesday Reading Sessions:  
AM: 8.45-8.55  
PM: 12.00-12.10
- **Writing** – Please encourage and help your child to write their name at home.
- If you know any nursery rhymes or children's songs/poems, please enjoy these at home with your children; if you don't know many, there are lots of books containing rhymes for young children, you could visit the local library and borrow books from there.
- Please ask your child about their day at school and bring in any work from home to celebrate with friends and teachers.
- Could you please ensure that your child does not play on the outdoor equipment whilst waiting for Nursery to begin.

### General Notes

- Please ensure ALL of your child's clothing is labelled with their name. It is your child's responsibility to keep their belongings safe.
- Please be aware that we have some children with severe allergies. Do ensure your child does not bring any outside food in their pockets or bags. We provide children with milk and fruit every day.
- If your child borrows any items of clothing from Nursery, please ensure they are washed and brought back as soon as possible. Any donations of unwanted clothes would be greatly appreciated.
- Please be aware that the morning session is from 8.45 – 11.45 and the afternoon session is from 12.00 – 3.00. Please make sure you are on time to drop off and pick up your child.
- We have a reclaimed materials modelling table. If you have any empty clean food boxes, containers, bottles etc., please bring them in!
- Children must be able to dress themselves (coats/zips etc) and confidently use the toilet. If your child can't, please help and encourage them to do so as this helps them to build confidence and independence.
- Please ensure that if your child is unable to tie laces they learn and practise at home. Until they are able to tie their laces, please make sure they only wear shoes with Velcro straps.

### Lateness

Please ensure you arrive to Nursery at least five minutes before your child starts Nursery to avoid being late. If you are more than five minutes late, you will need to take your child to the office, to register their attendance. Your child will get a late mark.

If you are late picking your child up, they will be taken to the office where you will need to collect them. This will be recorded and dated in the late arrivals log.

### Need to talk to your child's teacher?

Remember – you don't need to wait until Parents' Evenings to talk to your child's class teacher. Messages or information can be shared when you drop off /collect your child. If you need a conversation, make an appointment – your child's teacher will normally see you on the same day.



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## MATHS

In maths the children will practise counting by rote and counting objects as we count the children during registration. They will explore these skills independently in the maths area using a selection of different counting toys. The children will work with 2D and 3D shapes in the construction area and will explore their properties while building and balancing.

During welcome time we will talk about the date, explore the Nursery routine and discuss the weather and change of seasons. The children will count the children in their group and learn to use the vocabulary of more and fewer to talk about amount.

## UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD

The children will learn how to use the IWB to access age appropriate games and drawing programmes. They will explore cause and effect in the sand, water and mud kitchen areas. We will conduct experiments during keyworker times and the children will discuss what they can see and learn how to make predictions. The children will spend time discussing their families and learning about the lives of their friends.

## PERSONAL, SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

This half term we are focussing on settling our new children into Nursery and ensuring that returning children are able to make new friends and settle back into a changed environment. We will be supporting the children to find ways to share resources and take turns. We will help the children to choose activities, explore the Nursery and interact and play with their peers.

## EXPRESSIVE ART & DESIGN

During independent learning times the children will learn how to use the workshop to create their own models. Paint is available every day at the easel to encourage colour mixing and large mark making. The role play area is a home corner to support settling in and early imaginative play. Different small world resources are available every day. During adult led activities the children will create self-portraits and explore colour while learning simple printing techniques.

## PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

As part of our adult led sessions the children will complete a daily funky fingers activity with their keyworker. Funky Fingers activities are designed to develop fine motor skills. Outside the children will strengthen their hand and shoulder muscles by rolling tyres, building with large blocks, sweeping and drawing and painting using large tools. They will improve their balancing and climbing skills using the climbing frame, stepping stones and crates. In the third week the children will start P.E sessions these will initially involve playing simple ring and parachute games and move on to climbing and balancing activities and dance. Children will be encouraged to develop their self-care skills and we will spend time talking about staying healthy and personal hygiene.