

Nursery Newsletter

Welcome back after the half term holiday. I can't believe that this is the final seven weeks in nursery!

Our topic for this half term will be 'Under the Sea' where we will be focusing on sea creatures and will visit the Blue Reef Aquarium. We hope you will be able to accompany your child on this fun and exciting day out on Monday 13th June, where children will learn so much from this superb first hand experience.

As part of the topic we will read a variety of books such as 'A Fish who can Wish', 'Barry the Fish with Fingers', 'The Rainbow Fish' and 'Commotion in the Ocean'.

Story sacks will continue this term. Can I please remind you to bring them back on time with full contents so they can be reviewed with your child. All of the children are making progress towards retelling a story from memory and giving reasons for their favourite part of the book. Thank you for your continued support in this important preparation for learning to read in Reception class.

Also during this half term we will look at mini beasts, life cycles and habitats. We will take a closer look at various mini beasts in our outdoor area and learn all about them in their natural environment. We will watch as tiny caterpillars grow and eventually change into butterflies. We will read 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and 'The Very Lazy Ladybird'.

The children will also continue to look at planting. They will transfer their bean plants into our outdoor planters and they will learn how to look after them by checking and tending to them regularly. We will continue to plant a variety of vegetables in our small planters and will hopefully be able to grow and eventually eat.

We will also focus on the **Mathematical Non Negotiable facts**. By the end of nursery children should be able to rote count to ten, recognise numerals to ten, represent numbers to five using their fingers, count movements as they do them (1 nod, 2 jumps, 3 hops, 4 claps, 5 taps on shoulders), say when two groups of objects are the same or different and finally match number and quantity correctly. Please work with your child to help them achieve these skills.

We will continue the Letters and Sounds programme, focusing on rhyming words and making our own rhyming string e.g. cat, bat, hat, sat. Blending and segment sounds in words will also be a priority. Children will be involved in practical games and activities, which will encourage them to separate different sounds in words and then blend them together again. The children will also begin to recognise letter by sight. Please look out for weekly updates of which letters to support your child with at home. As the children become more familiar with the letters they will be encouraged to write cvc words.

Finally I would like to thank you for all your support during your child's first year at school.

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