

Nursery Newsletter

May 2017

What have the children been learning?

We got a special delivery at the start of half term of 5 tiny caterpillars and we have been fascinated watching them grow and grow and grow...until they turned into cocoons...we are now awaiting their emergence as beautiful butterflies- just like the one in the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

We have also enjoyed the stories of Jack and the Beanstalk and Jaspar's Beanstalk and have planted our very own bean seeds and they are just starting to shoot now. We have had fun retelling the stories using the outdoor equipment to represent beanstalks.

READ TOGETHER

We have enjoyed welcoming lots of parents to our weekly Read Together sessions this half term. Every Tuesday morning or afternoon we invite all parents/carers to stay on drop-off to share a story or 2. Siblings are welcome to join the story sessions- Miss Terry will collect morning older siblings at 8:40am so you can stay and read without having to worry about the walk round to another classroom and younger afternoon siblings can come and enjoy a story with their brother/sister. If you can stay every week or just once in a while it is lovely for all our children to see grown-ups spending time reading.

REMINDERS

- Please ensure your child has a coat everyday just in case the weather changes during the session so they have one to wear when we go outside- a lightweight waterproof jacket in their bag is fine.
- Please check all items of clothing have your child's name on so it is easier to return them if they take them off during nursery sessions.
- Please ensure your child has a bag of spare clothes just in case they need to be changed during the session. If you are still working on toilet training please ensure you also send in spare nappies, wipes and nappy sacks.
- When the summer sun arrives please send your child in with a sun hat/cap and apply sun cream at home before bringing your child to nursery.

What can you do to help your child at home?

Our Bumblebees and Butterflies groups are working hard at copy writing- they enjoy writing their names and numbers and copying words to do with our topic. You can practice at home using paper and a pencil- just watch to check your child is holding their pencil correctly. A little and often approach really does have a massive impact. They are also exploring rhyme so here are some websites you might like to look at with your child at home.

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/Phase1Menu.htm>

<http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html>

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-1-games.html>

Our Ladybird children are becoming much more independent-please encourage them to put on their own coat and attempt the zip before asking for your help. When you are out and about please talk with your child about what they can see in the world- what the weather is like...what they can see- flowers, trees, houses, cars, etc. and don't forget to count your steps as you walk! Also keep an eye out for any numbers or shapes.

We are always practicing songs so have put a few of our favourites in the back of the newsletter for you to sing at home.

P.E.

We have started taking Bumble Bees and Butterflies to the hall on Fridays for a fun P.E. session. It would really help if you could please practice putting on and taking shoes and socks. Shoes with velcro rather than laces are much easier for little hands and if girls could wear socks rather than tights on Fridays that helps too.

Songs to sing at home

Old MacDonald had a farm

The Wheels on the Bus

5 Little Speckled Frogs

5 Currant Buns

Ring-a-Ring-a Roses

If you're happy and you know it...

The Grand Old Duke of York

Twinkle Twinkle little star

5 little ducks went swimming one day...

Head Shoulders Knees and Toes

Wind the bobbin up



These and many more nursery rhymes and fun songs can be found on youtube for you to sing along to together.

