

Nursery Newsletter

May 2018

What have the children been learning?

Foundation Stage have been lucky to have some eggs arrive this half term. We spent time watching them and were delighted when the eggs cracked open to reveal little chicks. The children took great care when handling these little creatures and were excited to watch them grow.

In Nursery we also got a special delivery of some caterpillars to go with our learning based around the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We have watched them grow bigger and bigger, they have now wrapped themselves up in their cocoons and we are hoping they will hatch very soon into beautiful butterflies. 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.

TALKING TOGETHER TIME IS BACK!!!

We have re-started Talking Together Time and, as before, will be sending out a slip each week with the topic of the week. Please take time to talk about the topic with your child so they can share their thoughts and ideas in Family Group time on Thursdays. Any notes you can add to the sheet is to help us to prompt them to remember what you talked about- the notes are an extra so don't worry if you don't have time to fill the sheet in, it is more important to have spent the time talking to your child.

Talking Together Time is a good opportunity for us to support children's communication skills and ask different sorts of questions...Who? What? Where? Why? How?



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 send your child in with a sun hat/cap and apply sun cream at home before bringing your child to nursery. Full time parents- if you would like to send sun cream in we can help your child apply it at lunchtime.

What can you do to help your child at home?

Our children who will be starting school in September have been enjoying lots of rhyming activities as rhyme is really important stepping stone towards learning their letter sounds needed for reading and writing in Reception. Here are some websites you might want to have a look at together:

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

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

Also please keep singing nursery rhymes with your children as these help their sense of rhyme too.

Our younger children are getting much more confident when speaking and we are working on them asking and answering questions. 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!

P.E.

We have started taking our children who will be starting school in September to the hall on Thursdays 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 children could wear socks rather than tights on Thursdays that helps too.