

All Saints' C. of E. Primary School
Rooted in Faith, Growing Through Learning

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 19th April 2024

A warm welcome back to you all!

We are now officially in the Summer term (not sure the weather got the memo)! It is so lovely to see the children looking so very grown up and sensible. They have been so excited to see their friends and talk about their busy holiday time. I am happy to say that we have just welcomed some new Nursery members and I can already see that they are great addition to the big Nursery Family. I hope and wish we have sunny, warm, healthy and busy summer term ahead.

The focus this term is to ensure that the children have a smooth transition into Reception (except for the children that are January/April intake and are to spend another year in the nursery setting). This final term is one of my personal favourites as from my observations, it is the term with greatest developmental growth for the children.

As always, at the beginning of each term, I would like to update you on the fabulous new learning that will take place for Nursery pupils.

Our Topics this term:

Once Upon a Time- Spring 1

We are going to look at some traditional stories and explore the places they were set in. We are then going to look at the life in castles, the people that lived there, the clothes they were wearing and even the food they were eating! We will compare this to our modern life and will discuss similarities and differences. We are also going to look at fairy tales from around the world. A trip to Hampton Court will be an exciting opportunity for a hands-on exploration!

Farmyard Fun!- Spring 2

We will be learning about life on the farm – the animals that live there, the names of the babies, the produce that is harvested, the machinery that is used and the life of the farmers. It will all culminate with our trip to Bocketts Farm at the end of the summer term! It is all very exciting!

Other learning this term:

English – We will be looking at some traditional stories with some twists and turns. We will focus on story mapping, sequencing, character description, rhyming and rhythm, story predictions and understanding humour and inferring.

Please have a look at the Topic web for more comprehensive information, as well as the Highlights of the week on Purple Mash.

If you have any stories at home that can support us in our learning we will be delighted if you can share them with us.



Maths – This term’s focus will be on the ability to describe familiar route, discuss routes and locations using positional language. We will then be moving on to comparison of shapes according to size, length, weight and capacity. Of course the learning of counting, matching and ordering of numerals will be constant in the continuous provision as well as adult input.

PSED- Now that the children have established positive relationships with peers and adults alike we will look into extending these and enabling them to elaborate play ideas.

We will encourage the children to begin being more assertive and resolve conflict independently.

As an extension to our cooking sessions, we will also talk about balanced diet and healthy lifestyle.

PE – There are two sessions a week (Monday and Friday) with Coach Louie; this term we will be focusing on cricket and tennis and later we will be getting ready for our participation in Sports Day. Please, make sure that the children are wearing comfortable shoes and clothing on these days.

Expressive arts and design - There will be variety of activities designed to extend and further develop the children’s learning.

Painting/Drawing- We will focus on adding more detail and complexity to the finished work.

Modelling – We will attempt to build rafts from variety of materials for the Three Billy Goats Gruff and experiment to see whether they are going to sink or float.

Music and dancing- Music is big part of the daily routine in Nursery. We will be learning variety of new songs and later in the term dancing, ready for our Music for Summer’s Afternoon.

Home Learning:

Home learning will be set up weekly, please look at your child’s Purple Mash account to find out more!

Reminders and Notifications:

- Please remember to label absolutely everything!
- Please make sure the children wear appropriate shoes and clothes, ready for all weather conditions.
- Please bring a change of clothes. Please remember to return Nursery’s spare clothing after washing it.

Dates for your diaries:

29th April 2024- EYFS performance in celebration of 150 years All Saints’ Church

3rd May 2024 – Nursery and Reception trip to Hampton Court

27th-31st May 2024- Half term

3rd June 2024- INSET day

15th June 2024- All Saints’ Summer Fair

19th June 2024- Nursery class assembly

11th July 2024- Music for Summers Afternoon

18th July 2024- Nursery and Reception trip to Bocketts Farm



23rd July 2024- Last day of term, school finishes at 2pm

As you are aware, children enjoy daily access to art and cooking materials that are essential to their learning. To cover the costs of these activities, we would love it if you can bring a voluntary contribution of £10.00 for this term, or £30.00 for the whole year. Your generosity will be much appreciated!

Thank you all for your continued support!

Kind Regards,

Milena Grantcharova

Nursery Teacher

Extended Learning Opportunities

If your child would like additional learning opportunities at home, they could complete the following:

English

- Play the game "I spy with my little eye.."
- Act out your favourite story.
- Clap the syllables of the names of all of your family members.
- Teach your siblings/mummy/daddy a clapping sequence.
- Draw a picture of your favourite story.
- Learn to say a poem by heart.
- Perform your favourite Nursery Rhymes to your family.
- Visit your local library.

Maths

- Go on a shape hunt around your house.
- Play hopscotch.
- Draw a map of your house/garden/living room and go on a treasure hunt.
- Build a castle construction out of pasta shapes and take a photo to show in class.
- Create a pattern using natural materials.
- Measure all your family members using non-standard units.

Projects linked to this term's topics

- Be a knight in shining armour and Hoover everywhere! (fantastic for gross motor development!)
- Learn how to put socks and shoes all by yourself!



- Go litter picking! Ask an adult to help you.
- Give your family members a compliment!
- Teach a younger sibling a new skill.
- Learn to do the monkey bars in the park.
- Plant a seed and observe it grow!
- Create an ant farm in a jar.
- Help your grown-ups in the garden, or water your plants.
- Create a bug hotel in your garden or on the common.

