

St. John's Mead Nursery Class Curriculum Letter Term 1

Theme for the Term: Getting to Know You

Welcome back to Nursery and a big hello to all of our new children. For the first few weeks of term we will be concentrating on settling in and getting to know the children, including looking at our families and people who are special to us. We would love to have a photo of every family to put on our display, please upload one to Tapestry or bring one in.

We use Tapestry (an online learning journal) to record your child's learning and experiences in Nursery. It allows parents and carers to see how they are getting on, make comments and add photos of your own. The children love sharing their photos from home on our interactive whiteboard, which helps develop language and questioning skills. We encourage you to check Tapestry regularly (at least weekly) as we often put up memos, reminders or requests too.

As the term progresses, we will have four children each week as our Focused Assessment Children. This means that the week before your child is the 'Focus Child' we will put some questions on Tapestry that we would appreciate you responding to. These will be about recent family events, your child's interests and things that they have achieved at home, along with photographs that they can share with the class. We will then use these as a starting point for discussions and activities for the following week.

Nursery Lane

When you bring and collect your child from Nursery, please do not drive along the lane next to the Nursery garden. We ask that you park elsewhere and walk up the lane for the safety of pedestrians.

Contact Information

We know that starting Nursery can be a daunting experience for parents as well as children. Please know that we are keen to work with you; if you ever have a question we are here to help. There are a number of ways we can be contacted at Nursery:

The Nursery direct phone number: 01454 866504. Please leave a message and we will get back to you.

If you would rather speak to a person during the school day the main school office number for Sarah Cook (Nursery administrator, available Mon-Weds) is 01454 866501.

You can send us messages by adding an observation on Tapestry, speak to us in person at the beginning or end of your child's Nursery sessions or email nursery@stjohnsmead.co.uk.

Drinks Bottles

Please send your child into Nursery with a clearly named bottle of water. We like our children to be able to access their own healthy drink throughout the day in addition to their milk and fruit, provided by us, at Snack Time.

Dates to Remember

- Weeks beginning 14th and 21st October Parent Teacher Meetings. More information to follow.
- Wednesday 23rd October 9.30am- Nursery Rhyme Challenge. More information to follow.
- 25th October last day of term 1.
- 26th October-3rd November - Half Term, Nursery closed.
- 4th November First day of term 2.

Clothes

We like to go outside whatever the weather, so please make sure that you dress your child to allow for this. If it is sunny, send them with a sun hat and put sun cream on them before they come to Nursery, preferably a long lasting one. As the weather gets colder, they will always need a warm, waterproof coat and wellies. Please label all clothes with their names.

We engage in a lot of messy play in Nursery, from painting to playing in the mud kitchen. We have found that using aprons often stops children wanting to join in. For this reason, we encourage all children to wear clothes that you are happy to be 'play clothes' and to gather the marks and stains that come with enthusiastically joining in with all aspects of Nursery life.

Please provide a full spare set of named clothes in a labelled bag that can be left on your child's peg with a plastic bag for dirty items.