

St. John's Mead Nursery Curriculum Letter Term 5

Themes for the term

Welcome back to the Summer term!

As always we have another busy term ahead of us. With the weather warming up we will be planting lots of vegetable seeds to grow in our raised beds, beginning with beans, inspired by the stories 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and 'Jasper's Beanstalk'. We will be finding out what we need to do to grow strong plants, and look forward to harvesting some yummy vegetables to use in our cooking sessions later in the year.

We will also be having a big push on our physical development skills as we learn to use our muscles to balance, throw, run and jump accurately. We will also be practicing some slightly unusual races, in preparation for our Nursery Sports Day and Picnic on 14th June. We hope you will all be able to attend this event, it is one of the highlights of the Nursery year.

Read Write Inc

We will be starting to introduce our school starters to letters, the sounds they make and how we use those sounds in reading and writing. We will continue to develop our younger children's listening and attention skills and love of stories. To support your children in this we would like to invite you to a workshop on supporting pre and early literacy skills on **Wednesday 1st May at 9am-9.45am.**

Independence

One area of learning that will help your child be 'school ready' is the ability to be independent. We encourage the children at Nursery to be as independent as possible. Please send them in clothes and shoes that they can take off and put on by themselves. Laces and zips on shoes can be really tricky for small hands. It's always tempting to do things for your child, but the more often they have a go at things such as zipping up their coat, or putting on their shoes, the sooner they will be able to manage them independently.

Sponsored Ride on

Last term the children enthusiastically took part in our 'Nursery Sponsored Ride On' event to raise money to replace our waterproof clothing. We have been amazed and delighted by the support you have given us in raising a fantastic £470!

Dates to Remember

- **Wednesday 1st May, 'Read Write Inc' parent workshop, 9am**
- **Monday 6th May, Early May Bank Holiday, Nursery Closed**
- **Friday 24th May, Last day of term 5**
- **Monday 3rd June, INSET Day, Nursery closed**
- **Tuesday 4th June, first day of term 6 for children**
- **Friday 14th June, Nursery Sports Day and Picnic, 11.15am**

School Places

School places were sent out at the beginning of term for all children starting school this September. We hope you have all been allocated your first choices. To help us plan our school transitions please let us know which school your child will be going to. If you have any questions about school transitions please don't hesitate to ask.

Warmer Weather

With Summer on the way we will hopefully be spending a lot of time in the Nursery garden and the school grounds. On sunny days, please put sun cream on your child before they come to Nursery, thinking about choosing a sun cream that will last all of the hours they are in Nursery each day. Reapplication can take a long time for a whole class. Please can you also send your child with a named sun hat and, as always, a named water bottle.