

## Summer 2022 - What's happening in Nursery?

### What are we learning in nursery?



This term we are basing the children's learning around two key questions. The first is 'Come outside, what will we find?' We begin by asking what they already know about growing plants from seeds and which creatures we find in our gardens. We use non-fiction books, stories and videos to help us learn. We plant our own seeds and learn how to care for them. We also show the children how to respect all living creatures, however small. It is always lovely to see the children being busy little gardeners.

After half term we move to our second question: 'Are we there yet?' This provides lots of opportunities to learn more about how different forms of transport. The children have lots of fun pretending they are on a bus or an aeroplane. We can also talk about different parts of the world so the children know that different countries exist and some are hot but some are cold. We would love to see some of your family holiday photos.

We will be talking about our older nursery children growing up and we will prepare them for the move to reception. Some children find this very exciting but others are worried so we work hard to make the transition as smooth as possible.

### Summer reports

This summer term your child will receive their written report and we are looking forward to sharing the progress your child has made this year. However you do not need to wait for the report as our friendly staff are always here to answer any questions you may have or to give advice or guidance around anything you may need support with. On that note we would like to thank you for the ongoing working partnership that we share in ensuring all children are thriving and enjoying their learning.

### Outdoor Learning

Over this year we have introduced lots of new resources into our outdoor area. The children are loving the exciting new station, our cosy den for reading and singing on the performance stage.

As the weather turns summery more and more of our learning can take place outdoors. Could you make sure your child brings a sun hat and a full water bottle. On the sunny days could you also apply sun screen before nursery to ensure their skin is protected.



### How can you help at home?

We would like every family to be a 'talk-a-lot family' so if you go on a summer day trip please encourage your child to look around and notice things so they can tell us all about it when they come into nursery. We love to hear new and interesting vocabulary.

After Easter is a great time to plant things. If you grow anything at home we would love to see photos. Your child could also draw pictures of plants they see growing when they are out and about.

Encourage your child to mark make and attempt to write their name as much as you can. This gives them confidence and helps them to label their work in nursery. If they are now writing their name please help them to sound out and try simple words such as mum or dad or from if they are making a card.



### Library Books

As reading is so important within the early years curriculum, and indeed the rest of school, Nursery staff do all they can to promote a love of books and reading. To help encourage this we will be sending a library book home to share. These will be sent home on a Friday and could they please be returned the following Friday morning. Happy reading!