

# **Nursery Newsletter**



### Autumn 1—2023/2024

#### **Notices and Reminders**

Don't forget to upload any achievements onto Tapestry.



#### **Communication and Language**

We will be supporting your child's listening and attention skills.

Through circle time games, following instructions, Attention Bucket and listening games. We will be starting to screen all children using Wellcomm Intervention support communication and language.

#### **Physical Development**

The children will be exploring and developing their fine and gross motor skills through play. They will explore different materials and tools to develop manipulation and control. They will use these small motor skills to develop independence and learn how to use large muscle movements to move their bodies.

#### **Key dates**

Mon 9th October - 9am Asthma/wheeze drop in morning in the main hall run by paediatric respiratory nurses from Frimley

Weds 11th October - school photos

**Weds 11th October** - Open Morning 8.45am until 10.00am for parents to come in to class with their children and walk around the school

**Sat 14th October** - Farnham Park Cross Country Race

**Thurs 19th October 7:30pm** - PTA AGM location to be confirmed

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAYS - 23rd to 27th October

## Personal, Social and Emotional <u>Development</u>

This half term the focus is on the children settling in and becoming familiar with the adults and children in their setting. They will take part in circle time, singing traditional nursery rhymes and performing action songs.

We will explore the feelings happy and sad.



#### Literacy

Our core books drive a language rich curriculum. Children will be retelling stories using story maps, developing play around story themes, discussing main events and linking stories to our own families and emotions.



#### **Mathematics**

This term we will be focusing on matching and sorting. We will begin with sorting by colour then by shape and size. The children will compare sizes using gestures and language: 'bigger/little/small'



#### **Understanding the World**

The children will be talking about their immediate family and the role they play. Becoming part of their Nursery community to develop a sense of belonging. They will develop their pretend play to reflect their family life. The children will develop their natural curiosity through outdoor learning and Welly Wednesdays.

#### **Expressive Arts and Design**

Linking with Mathematics we are exploring colours, pattern, sorting and shape. Representing our family and emotions in our drawings or paintings. Explore a variety of materials to achieve a planned effect such as owl wings! Express ourselves through music and drama.

#### How to help at home

- Encourage independence e.g. getting dressed, putting on your socks, shoes and coat.
- Play listening games e.g. Simon Says
- Sing Nursery Rhymes
- Sorting activities e.g. colours or matching socks.
- Go on an Autumn Walk What can you see? Smell?

#### **Phonics**

As part of our Literacy curriculum, we introduce foundation skills for Early Phonics. We follow the Phase 1 Letters and Sounds program. This supports rhythm and rhyme; voice, instrumental and body sounds; oral blending and segmenting; alliteration. Click the link for more information:

Phase 1 Information