

# Nursery Curriculum Newsletter



## Term 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final term of the school year. What an amazing year it has been. We have all thoroughly enjoyed getting to know your children and sharing their nursery year with them. The progress that they have all made is wonderful and we are so proud of everyone. This is an extremely busy term for us as we prepare for many of our nursery friends to move up to Reception and have exciting events such as our Early Years Garden Party and Sports Day.

### Key Dates

We have three transition dates for those children moving up to our Reception classes in September

Stay and play sessions – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Transition day – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Sports day fun – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 9.45am Please come in your PE kit ready to join in the activities with your child.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you all for lots of fun at our garden party on the field Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 1.30pm

Please note that nursery will be closed on this day in order for us to prepare for the event.

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – last day of term

The Value that we are focusing on this term is:

**Teamwork**

We are going to make the most of these last weeks of being together in Nursery following the children's interests in minibeasts, having a 'swashbuckling time' exploring pirates and under the sea, practising for our sports morning and reflecting on our skills and talents by creating a book to give to our new teacher and performing to our friends in talent shows.

The Nursery team are so proud of how our most recent intake of children have settled into the new setting. It has been fantastic to see our older children supporting the younger children to feel settled and happy, and showing them the routines and how to use the resources. Our pre-schoolers have been talking about their up-coming transition to Reception and we have enjoyed a storytime in the reception classroom and we have been looking on the calendar to see how long it is until September.

### Getting ready for the summer

Finally we are enjoying more sunny days and it has been wonderful to play outside in the sun. On warmer days, please send your child into school with a **named sunhat** and apply sun protection onto exposed skin areas before they arrive to nursery. We refill your child's bottle regularly so be assured that they are drinking plenty of water, sometimes the hose comes out to cool us off too!

You may have noticed that we joined in with 'no mow May' in our entrance way (Wonder Wood) we asked the gardeners to leave the grassy bank and the children have so enjoyed the 'swishy swashy grass' and having sticky weed fights. Not only does not mowing make it a more engaging place to play it is great for our wildlife too!



### Physical Development- fun at home

We will be practising the activities ready for our fun sports morning. Can you have some fun at home practising too?

Egg and spoon race- experiment balancing different rounded objects on spoons, tennis rackets etc Remind your child not to hold the rounded object on?

Obstacle course- can you use objects from around your home to create an obstacle course. How fast can your child complete it?

### Writing- key skills

As part of our topic of pirates we will be using our mark making skills to create 'scribble stories' about pirate characters. Most of us will be able to talk about what the marks mean and the describe the story. Some of us will be able to form some letters to represent the initial sounds of key characters or objects in the story.

We will be creating treasure maps using symbols and pictures to represent parts of the island, again some of us will be able to write some letters as labels.

The children are now creating their own 'secret symbols'. They are now often choosing to use letters as a secret symbol, writing them carefully on small pieces of paper and folding them up to hide around the nursery. Can you make some secret symbols for your child to find?

### Respect for minibeasts

In our learning for Knowledge and Understanding of the World we learn about the world around us. We spend time closely observing nature and one of the things we love to do in Adventure Island is look for minibeasts. We are teaching the children how to handle them with care and respect. The children really want to hold them and are learning to wait patiently to see if the creature want to crawl on them instead of trying to pick them up which may harm them.

