

We cannot believe it is Summer term already and your child's last few months in Nursery!
This term is all about aiming for the 'Age Related Expectations' for the end of Nursery and readiness for Reception.
Your support is crucial and any help at home is invaluable.

Our main focuses are:

- Gaining independence such as hanging up own coat, putting it on and fastening it.
- For some children they may be ready to have a go at name writing

At this age children are in varying stages of name writing, whether this be just recognising their name or beginning to form some letters. One of the most important things is that children learn to form their letters correctly from day one.

Please can you try and sit with your child and practise with them as much as possible ensuring letters are formed correctly. If you are unsure about this, please just ask.

Visits to Reception

In preparation for starting in Reception, the children will have the opportunity to visit their new classroom and meet their new teachers this term. We will update you once all arrangements have been made

There will also be a new Reception parents meeting on 9th June

Library books

It has been lovely to see parents and grandparents in nursery each week. Parents are encouraged to come and change their book once a week on the following days.

Tuesday – **green group** / Thursday – **orange group** / **blue group**
We have noticed a few children haven't changed their book for a few weeks. If this is you please do not hesitate to come and chat to us if you are having any difficulties.

What are we learning?

This term our theme is 'Down at the bottom of the garden'. We will be thinking about minibeasts and growth and change of plants and animals. Our learning will focus around..

- *Understanding how to care for living things- planting variety of seeds etc. Investigation table – growth and decay
- *Observing and talking about changes/lifecycle of caterpillar- butterfly
- *Oral retelling and talking about simple traditional and more complex stories, joining in with repeated refrains
- *Talking about books and characters, setting etc.
- *Understand concept of print, including Identify words in sentences, knowing they carry meaning
- *Beginning to segment and blend sounds in words eg. C-a-t says cat.
- *Write all or part of name with letters formed correctly
- *Using clear shapes in our drawings
- *Number 5- subitizing (recognising patterns up to 5, partitioning, number bonds to 5.
- *Naming and describing 2d shapes
- *Exploring colour mixing
- *Retelling a story through role play.

Important Dates

Mon. 6th May- Bank holiday

Wed 22nd May- Sports day at 9am

Week begin 10th June- dad/uncle/grandad stay and plays (Tues/Thurs) More info to follow.

Fri 3rd July- Summer fair

Wed 9th July – Celebration Assembly

Points to note:

As the weather starts to improve please remember to...

- Always bring a rain coat- as we live in Stockport and the weather changes drastically in a day.
- On sunny days please bring a sun hat -**NAMED**.
- On sunny days please apply sun cream before coming to school. If you think your child will need it re-applying please bring in a **NAMED** bottle.
- Please, please have names in ALL jumpers and cardigans as they will be coming off more.

Remember- nothing should be brought to school containing nuts.