



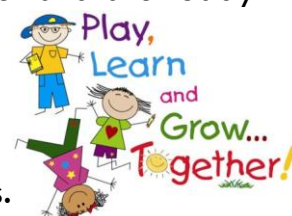
Summernote

Nursery

September 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to Nursery! We hope you and your children had a great summer and are ready for the busy and exciting term that lies ahead.



THE EARLY YEARS CURRICULUM

In Nursery, our themes and activities are taken from the children's interests. Every day the children have Child Initiated Learning (ChIL), whereby they engage in different activities linked to all the areas of the curriculum. During this time the adults play alongside the children identifying what the children know through skilful questioning and conversation and then move them on in this area. The children also have short focused activities which are planned and led by the adults. To begin the term will be focusing on settling into our new environment and routines as well as learning the golden rules, making friendships and looking after the different areas of the classroom. As the term progresses we will explore the season of autumn and the and also find out about Bonfire Night and the Hindu Festival 'Diwali'. If you have any exciting experiences or celebrations coming up over the next term, please let us know so we can incorporate these into our learning experiences for the children.



NOTICES AND CORRESPONDENCE

Notices will be placed on the Notice board in the cloakroom of Nursery and also via Parent mail, so please keep a check on these. Upcoming events will also be displayed on posters in the windows. Please hand any correspondence to us in person in a named envelope as book bags are not necessarily checked daily.



MEET THE TEACHER

We would like to invite you to a short 'Meet the Teacher' session on Wednesday 19th September at 9:05am or at an alternative time of 2:30pm. The meetings will take place in the Nursery classroom and will give you an overview of the teaching and learning in Nursery and will be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have about your child's time with us.



FOREST SCHOOL

In Nursery, we will have two Forest School sessions per week. Forest School provides an excellent chance for the children to explore and experience the natural world through a holistic approach. Please ensure your child has wellies and waterproof clothing, which will stay at school as we do go out in **ALL** weather conditions, excluding high winds.

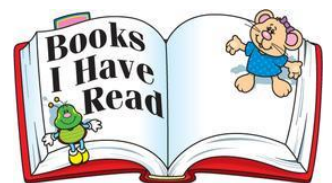
LUNCHTIME

The children who attend Nursery for a full day will have the choice of bringing a lunch box into school with them or having a hot school meal. If your child is bringing a home packed lunch to school then we ask that it is in a named lunch bag, with food you know they like and of the amount they would usually eat. Please ensure all lunches **DO NOT** contain nuts. This includes peanut butter and Nutella as we are a **nut free school**. The children will eat their lunch together in the hall and will be supported and given help with packets etc by the Nursery staff. Any food that the children do not eat will be left in their lunch box so you can easily identify how much they have consumed.



LEARNING JOURNEYS

Throughout your child's time in Nursery we will be creating an electronic 'Learning Journey' – which evidences your child's experiences and achievements throughout the year. The learning journeys will be available for you to access from home electronically and we will be holding an information session which will demonstrate how you can do this. Within their learning journeys, we like to include special moments and achievements that happen outside of school and you will be able to input these from home following the information session. For example, your child's favourite bedtime story, the day their first tooth fell out, how they built a tall lego tower, and many more! 😊



LIBRARY BOOKS

There will be the opportunity for your child to bring a book home each night. Please return them the next time your child is in so they are able to choose a new one to bring home. If your child is enjoying the book then they are more than welcome to keep it for a longer period of time. We encourage the children to only take one book home at a time.

OUR CLASS TEDDY



In Nursery we are going to have a class teddy named Cadbury. Each week a child will have the special job of looking after our class teddy over the weekend! It would be wonderful if you could support your child in filling out a diary entry, this could be a picture or two or a brief explanation of their adventures. Please email us pictures if you do not have the facilities to print them at home (admin@summercroft.herts.sch.uk).

EYFS WALK TO BIRCHANGER WOODS

Early Years will be going on an autumn walk to the local woodlands on Thursday 18th October at 9.15am. We will be looking for signs of autumn and creating some natural art / sculptures. In order for this to go ahead we need as many parents and carers to attend. We hope you will be able to join us!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Meet the Teacher

Monday 19th September at 9:05am or 2:30pm.

Walk to Birchanger Woods

Thursday 18th October at 9:15am.

CPD Day

Friday 26th October. School closed for children.

Half Term

Monday 29th October – Friday 2nd November.

After October Half Term:

Date to be confirmed

Learning Journey Sharing – you will have you an opportunity to come into school to look at your child's electronic learning journey and any other work they have completed so far in Nursery. More details will follow nearer the time.

19th – 23rd November

Nursery Rhyme Week – please feel free to join us from 2.30pm in your child's class for a singing session. (Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday)

FINALLY

The most important thing is that your child is happy at school and has fun while they are learning. Please do not hesitate to come and see us if you have any concerns.

Many thanks,

Miss Webster, Mrs Jolley and Mrs Del Federico

