



Nursery Newsletter April 2024



Welcome back!

We hope you have had a lovely break and the children are well rested and ready for their next half term in Nursery. The Nursery staff team is as follows: Miss Smith, Mrs Glentworth, Miss Lee, Miss Hill and Mrs Baumber. We would like to welcome to Miss Mrs Gibbs to our nursery team, who will be spending her days in nursery. We would also like to welcome all of the new children that are starting Nursery this half term, and hope they have a wonderful start to their education.

School Website

Our school website is a great way to keep up to date with everything that is taking place in Nursery. We are constantly updating our web page with important information, as well as photos and videos of the children's learning.

Make sure you visit the Nursery page on the academy website regularly. Find us at www.oldcleepprimaryacademy.co.uk then click the 'Children' tab, followed by 'Year Groups' and 'Nursery'.

Communication and Language

This half term in nursery we will be focusing on the theme 'What is Changing?', through our three main focus stories which are, 'Oliver's vegetables' and 'Handa's Surprise'. We will be using these stories to talk about food, and where does our food come from, especially fruit and vegetables. We will explore the role of a farmer and work they do on a farm, as well as looking how to help things grow. We will be tasting differing fruits, that are grown in our country and also exotic fruits grown in hotter climates. We will also be having a visit from a dentist to talk to us about how to look after our teeth.

We will also be talking about and taking part in the experiences below:

Week 1- Spring Walk

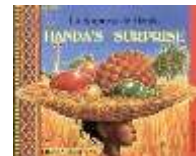
Week 2- Making cress heads

Week 3- Vegetable Tasting

Week 4- Home project- Plant a sunflower

Week 5- Fruit Tasting

Week 6- Dentist Visit



We will also be practising lots of songs and nursery rhymes, as well as continuing the Nursery 'Read, Write, Inc' programme.

We have some new children starting with us this half term and although they will be involved in all of the above learning opportunities, their main focus will be settling in, showing their interests and dislikes, as well as understanding routines and nursery rules.

Maths

Our focuses this half term for maths are:

- Shapes and their properties
- Ordering events
- Length and weight



We will also continue to practice skills we have previously learnt, such as pattern, size, comparing amounts and having a good knowledge of numbers from 0-5.

Physical

During this half term, we will continue to provide lots of learning opportunities which encourage both gross motor and fine motor movements. This will include making large shapes in the air with ribbons, painting with water in the outdoor area and using children's tweezers to pick up and post objects. All of these movements help children to develop the muscles required in order to hold a pencil and eventually put marks to paper.

We will also begin to look at letter formation through beginning our Read, Write, Inc programme. Please see the school website on the Nursery Home Learning page for more information on this.

PE

PE will be every **Friday**. Please come to Nursery wearing your PE kit and trainers.

How you can help at home

We are always keen to work in partnership with parents and the more you can support your child with their everyday learning, the more prepared they will be in their journey throughout their education. Please do not hesitate to get in contact with us if you wish for further help and support with home learning – we can always offer ideas and advice to make learning fun at home!

- Read with your child as much as you can, and share your thoughts with one another about the story.
- Talk about their day at nursery, what they have liked and what they have been learning.
- At home or if you are out in the community, encourage your child to look at label colours, shapes, count steps, trees or cars and talk about what they can see. Also see your child's individual next steps on Tapestry. Support your children with the RWI programme.



Tapestry

We will use Tapestry to share photos and what we are working on with your child in Nursery, and ideas of how you can help at home. You can also add photos to Tapestry of special events, news or places you have been which we will share with the whole class during '**Tapestry Time**' on a Friday.

Home Project

During this half term, you will receive a special project to do with your child. It involves planting a sunflower seed which we will give you and planting it together, putting pictures on Tapestry as the sunflower grows.

Other Information

- Please ensure that ALL of your child's uniform and belongings are clearly labelled with their full name. This will help to prevent loss of belongings.
- Please ensure your child brings a bottle of plain water to nursery with them. They are able to help themselves to their water throughout the nursery session. Full time children may bring a bottle of juice to be consumed with their lunch.

All the Nursery staff would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the school year to support your child's learning and development.

Kindest Regards,
The Nursery Teaching Team