

Nursery Newsletter

Welcome back to Term 6! We are looking forward to all the activities planned for the term.

We will continue to have **Forest School outdoor learning sessions on a Friday.**

As the weather is getting warmer, please can the children wear a sunhat to school each day and have suncream already applied. **We cannot apply suncream at school because of allergies so please do not send your child into school with suncream in their bags.**

Driving Question: How can we adapt our outside area to encourage more butterflies and insects to visit?

Outcome: Create a garden suitable for a range of minibeasts so they have what they need in order to survive and thrive.

Story: Jasper's Beanstalk

Focus questions this term:

Week 1 - What can you do now that you couldn't do as a baby?

Week 2 - What can we see around us?

Week 3 - What can we seen happening?

Week 4 - What can you notice?

Week 5 - How has it changed?

Week 6 - How are you feeling and how might others feel?

Week 7 - What do you look forward to?

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we are focusing on how we need to look after our classroom and about being good friends with the other children in the Nursery. We will be continuing to support the children with turn-taking games and sharing with others. We will also be considering that some children will be moving on transitioning into Reception and exploring the emotions that we all might be feeling.

Communication and Language

Much of our time during 'Discovery Time' in Plum, we focus on Communication and Language. Learning is essentially a social process, and we join the children in their play

to encourage their use of new vocabulary and to model good conversational skills which show them appropriate ways of talking to others.

Physical Development

It continues to be important that the children develop independence skills in their personal care. This includes being able to dress and undress themselves confidently. We really do need the children to be given the space to learn these skills including putting their own shoes and sock on to zipping their coats up. We would like to ask that parents support Nursery staff by allowing the children to 'have a go' rather than simply doing it for them.

Phonics

I am so impressed with the progress that the children who will be attending Reception in September have been making in their Read Write Ink Lessons. Please ask them what sounds they have been learning and see if you can support them in sounding out and blending simple words such as m-u-m, d-a-d, s-i-t, j-a-m. Please ask me if you would like any information about the phonic scheme we are using. Children who have joined Plum since Christmas are continuing to develop their phonological awareness and listening skills.

Literacy

Our new story this term is 'Jasper's Beanstalk'. We will be using this text to embed the children's understanding of the meaning and significance of print. This text will encourage the children to developing vocabulary and will support the theme for the month by inspiring their reading and writing skills within the environment.

Mathematics

This term we are focusing on the importance of careful counting. Skills such as subitising (fast recognition without counting), cardinality (the last number counted), knowing that 1 item is one number and each number follows the one previous are all important skills that a child of nursery age should be developing. Please encourage your children to count and use numbers constantly, for example, talk about 2 shoes, 1,2, or 3 sandwiches, 1,2,3.

Understanding the world

The theme for the term is growing and we will be looking at how plants grow, what they need to grow and how we can change our garden area to encourage more insects and butterfly to come to the garden. There will be plenty of 'hands-on' activities so that the children will have more real-world experience of the natural world.

Expressive arts and design

This term we will continue to support children to use their imagination and creative skills through play. We are developing their independence in accessing the creative area

so that they are confident at choosing the right equipment and using their imagination to create their pictures and designs. We will also be creating a collaborative piece of artwork during this half term which will show all the skills they have been developing over the past year and represent the term's theme.

Internet safety

There is an increasing need these days of ensuring that children are kept safe on the internet and for parents' awareness about how easy it is for children to access websites that are unsuitable for their viewing. The media often highlights how children can accidentally view sites that are only suitable for adults. We will be having discussions about their use of the internet and how to keep themselves safe.

Home Activities:

- We ask you to support your child with becoming more independent - Can you put your socks and shoes on yourself? Can you zip your coat up yourself?
- Can you ask your child what story we have been looking at? Can they name some of the characters? When reading with your child you could ask them to tell you the story using the pictures they can see.
- Can you support your child's gross motor skills by doing activities involving their larger muscles: running, climbing, jumping off objects.
- To support the children's fine motor skills, you could do activities such as, drawing and mark making, threading, and using playdough.

Reminders & Dates

Please look out for further information to be given out regarding some of the events below.

Term 6 begins - Monday 5th June

Sports Day - Wednesday 16th June - Morning at 11.00am, afternoon at 2.30pm. All day parents can attend either Sports day.

Special Man in Your Life (PTFA event) - Friday 16th June

INSET Day - School closed for children - Friday 23rd June

Transition Days - Wednesday 19th, Thursday 20th, Friday 21st July - more information to follow

End of Term 6 - 21st July at 1.45pm

Class Text

Jasper's Beanstalk

On Monday Jasper found a bean.

On Tuesday he planted it.

On Wednesday he watered it.

On Thursday he dug and raked and sprayed and hoed it.

On Friday night he picked up all the slugs and snails.

On Saturday he even mowed it!

On Sunday Jasper waited and waited and waited ...

When Monday came around again he dug it up.

'That bean will never make a beanstalk' said Jasper

But a long, long, long time later ...

It did! (It was on a Thursday, I think ...)

Now Jasper is looking for giants.