

Dear Parents and Carers,

A Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to the Nursery.

Our topic this half term is 'Terrific Tales and Rocking Rhymes' in which we will explore traditional tales and nursery rhymes. As part of this topic, we will be visiting Peckham Library to borrow books and encourage a love of stories. You can also continue to share stories and songs at home using the BBC CBeebies website <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies>. We have lots of exciting activities planned, including a trip to the supermarket to buy the ingredients to make and bake our bread, making porridge and a fun dressing-up day where children can come dressed as their favourite character from a traditional tale or nursery rhyme. More details will follow so check out those book bags and the notices on the door!

Parent Session

We would like to invite you to a parent session on Thursday the 15th in the Nursery classroom in the morning. The session will focus on sharing reading books with your child, and reading resources will be provided for parents who wish to take part.

Early Reading and Phonics

On Mondays and Fridays, your child can choose a book from our reading corner with you to take home and share together. The Nursery classroom will be open at 8:40am for you to choose a book with your child. Please remain with your child during this session and write the title of the book, sign the reading diary, draw a smiley face next to the entry, and then put the book back into your child's blue book bag. Children learn to read and write by using their phonic knowledge. To provide the foundations for developing these skills, we will be undertaking listening and communication activities such as listening walks and sound games. The children will develop their awareness of sounds through activities including using instruments and noise makers, singing songs, and joining in with rhymes during daily small-group sessions.

Collecting your child

We understand that sometimes it may be necessary for someone different from your family to collect your child at the end of the day. Please let us know at the beginning of the nursery session or later if it is an emergency. You can do this contacting the office so that we are aware of who will be collecting your child and their connection to your child. We are unable to let children go home with anyone who has not been named in advance or is not an adult.

Junk modelling

Junk modelling is an important part of children's play exploration. As this involves using everyday objects around the house, please could you bring in recyclable materials such as cardboard boxes, yoghurt pots, tubes (kitchen towels), egg cartons.

Spare clothes

As the children undertake messy play, please provide in a bag of spare clothes (including underwear) for them to change into should they get wet, etc... during their play. This bag will remain in school on their peg unless it needs to be cleaned and replaced.

If there is anything important that you need to discuss with a member of the Nursery Team then please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Thank you for your support.

The Nursery Team - Miss Diaz & Mrs Debbie