

Grasmere Primary School
Half Term Parent Information
Nursery
Autumn Term 1
18/9/20



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Nursery!

The Nursery children are settling well and are enjoying making new friends. Our overall focus this half term will be making sure the children are settled and happy to come to Nursery.

Each term we change our focus topic. Our topic for this half term will be '**Ourselfes**'. We will be using a range of stories and non-fiction books to help us understand our bodies and what they can do.

We will have two role play areas in Nursery, a Home Corner and a Shop. Each table top activity is related to the Early Years Curriculum. We provide activities and play opportunities to develop the children's knowledge, play and skills.

We are working towards the following Targets this half term. We provide a range of play opportunities, table top activities and adult led focus activities to help our Nursery children achieve these targets.

I CAN.....

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

- Play alongside others.
- Express my own feelings.
- Select and use activities and resources with help.
- Separate from my main carer with support and encouragement.

Communication, Language

- Show an interest in play with sounds, songs and rhymes.
- Understand more complex sentences.
- Listen to stories with increasing attention and recall.

Literacy:

- Show interest in books and rhymes and may have favourites.
- Join in with repeated refrains and anticipate key events and phrases in rhymes and stories.
- Sometimes give meaning to marks they make as I draw, write and paint.

Maths:

- Recite some number names in sequence.
- Sometimes successfully fit shapes into spaces on inset boards or jigsaw puzzles.

Understanding the World:

- Explore construction materials by linking together different ways.
- Play with small world models.
- Comment and ask questions about aspects of my familiar world.

Expressive Arts and Design:

- Move to music, listen to or join in with rhymes and songs.
- Sing favourite songs.
- Explore colours and how colours can be changed.

Physical Education:

- Hold a cup with both hands and drink without spilling.
- Climb confidently.
- Go to the toilet most of the time by myself.
- Wash and dry my hands.

Staff: Nursery Teacher: Sharon

Nursery officer: Selvi

PPA Cover: Barley (Tuesday Mornings)

Spanish Teacher : Lorena

Music Teacher : Lisa

Reception Teacher: Lena

Reception TA: Nadine

Reception LSA: Anjum

Nursery/ Reception Bubble We work closely with the Reception Class and each day we open up the rooms and outside area for all children to "Freeflow". Barley will be in Nursery each Tuesday, providing a focus activity relating to our topic. During this time, I am doing my Planning, Preparation and Assessment time. I will be out of Nursery planning and assessing the children's progress and updating their Learning Journey Books. The Nursery class will be taught by Barley, who is experienced in working in Early Years and teaches throughout the school.

Clothing and footwear: The children enjoy getting messy, jumping in puddles and crawling around on the floor! We would encourage them to wear comfortable, appropriate clothing and footwear and not their best clothes.

Book Bags: Every child has been given a book bag. The children need to bring in their book bag on Fridays only. They choose a book from Nursery to bring home and share with their family.

Star of the week: Each week we have Star of the Week, Merit and Grasmere Values Certificates. These children will be given a certificate in Assembly explaining why they are Star of the Week or how they have demonstrated the Grasmere Values Merit certificates or when they have achieved 10, 25, 50 or 100 Merits. Due to the current situation with the Pandemic, we will only be holding virtual Assemblies via Zoom.

Playground: In the morning, setting up the outdoor area takes the Early Years team a long time. Please keep this area tidy while waiting for the doors to open.

Spare clothes: We thoroughly enjoy messy play and water related activities in nursery, it would be very helpful if your child had their own set of spare clothes (Pants, Socks, Trousers and T Shirt) to keep at Nursery. Each child has their own basket in the Nursery Bathroom for their spare clothes.

Nursery Hours: Full time: 9:10am -3:30pm
Am session: 9:10am -12:00pm
Lunch: 11.45am - 12:15 pm

Collection Times : Part Time : Please use the Albion Rd entrance and come to the door by the Office to collect your child promptly at 12pm !!
Full Time: Please come around to the Nursery Playground to collect at 3.30pm

Cooking: Each week we provide a play dough activity or cooking activity. We ask for a donation of 50p to cover the costs of the ingredients. There is a little pot labelled with (Cooking Money) left by the door. We appreciate all contributions.

Show and Tell: Due to the risk of spreading the virus we would ask that no toys/items be brought in for Show and Tell (At the Moment) However, we will encourage the children to talk about and share their experiences from home. Eg A visit to the Museum, A day at the seaside etc.

Coronavirus: Do not bring your child to Nursery if they (or any member of your household) has any of the recognised symptoms - High Temperature, New Continuous dry cough and Loss of Sense of Taste or Smell. You will need to inform the School of the results of a test before they are allowed back.

We are looking forward to a fun half term!
Thank you for your support.
Sharon and Selvi.

