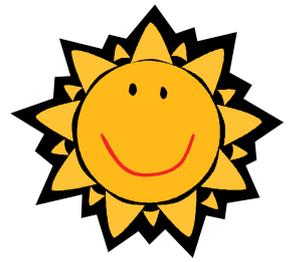


Clifford Road Nursery.

Summer Term Newsletter.



A big welcome to you all - especially those who are just joining us. We have a really fun term ahead, with lots to do and experience. For many of the children this will be their last term in Nursery before moving on to Reception. For those children, this term will end with their Nursery Graduation! Let's hope for some lovely weather to see us through to the Summer Holidays!

Regular Nursery Activities

During every nursery session, the children participate in literacy and numeracy activities. These include writing their name, learning letter names and sounds and having a go at writing—counting, number and shape recognition and ordering numbers. You can help your child with this by counting at every opportunity, looking at letters and numbers in the environment and singing number rhymes. Our carpet sessions always include songs and a story, and we have a thinking skills session at least once a week. We try to have a regular cooking activity (the children eat their efforts at snack time).



Topic - This term we will be looking at 'Houses and Homes' and 'The Garden' and we cover all areas of the Foundation Stage curriculum within this.

In **Communication, Language and Literacy** we will read stories that have homes as a key part of the plot—such as 'The three little pigs', including non-fiction books. We will re-tell some of our favourite stories and write captions for pictures! We will also have activities to encourage name recognition and writing.

In **Mathematical Development** we will make patterns using a variety of materials, natural and man-made. We will talk about colours and name them. We will have activities that provide opportunities describing the properties of different shapes and naming them. Activities will encourage children to sort objects and shapes into sets, to count and to talk about what they have done.

In **Knowledge and Understanding of the World** we will look at houses in our local area and talk about how they are similar and different. We will use the computer to draw pictures of houses. Using construction we will have a go at building houses and dens.

We will plant seeds, take care of them and watch them as they begin to grow. We would love to see photographs of plants and vegetables that you are growing at home with the children.

In **Creative Development** we will investigate the structures and designs of buildings. We will make houses using different materials and see which is best. A range of mark making equipment will be available inside and out—such as paint, big brushes and chinks. We will use percussion instruments to make different beats.

In **Personal and Social Development** we will encourage the children to have a developing awareness of their own feelings, to think about how we use expressions to show our feelings and to think about how we treat others.

Reading - You are very welcome to change your child's book as often as you wish. It would be great if, when you are sharing a book with your child, you could encourage them to talk about the story and the characters, get them to re-tell the story in their own words and look at the text more closely—for example, can they find the letters in their name. We also share books with the children on a regular basis, both in groups and individually.



During the term we will continue to encourage the children to become independent, to have a go and to experience a range of activities. As always, we really appreciate your support with this.

Outside activities - We follow a programme that develops each child's basic motor skills, co-ordination and control and spatial awareness using a variety of equipment and resources.

Please find attached the termly snack letter. We very much value the contribution from you as it helps us to supplement the fruit scheme and give the children a variety of things to try at snack time. It also allows us to supplement the art and craft resources and cooking



With the hope of warmer weather, could you please ensure that your child comes to nursery with a sun hat and sun cream already applied.

Included in our outdoor play will be water based activities - such as washing the toy cars, pouring water down tubes and pipes etc. The children will, inevitably get wet, and although we do have some spare clothes, it would be greatly appreciated if your child could have a spare set on their pegs that they can be changed into.

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