

### Visits and special week:

Towards the end of the term we have our trip to Alexandra Park. This involves going on a bug hunt, making a nature collection and having fun in the play area.



### Outside Area

This term we are busy planting seeds in the nursery garden. As part of the school's Kitchen Garden Project we have already planted seed potatoes and have lots of vegetable seeds that we are going to try to grow in pots and containers during the next few weeks. We would love to have some help so if you have some time to spare and would like to help the children in the garden please let us know.



### Classroom Help

A huge thank-you to all those who have been helping in the Nursery. We appreciate this immensely. If you are able to offer some time to join in with us, please see Mrs. Roberts or Ms. Snook.



### Communication

We work hard to do the best for your child. If, at any time, you have a concern or query please come and talk to the Nursery staff. If you are still concerned, please talk to the Phase Co-ordinator (Elsbeth)

### Staff

**Nursery teachers**—Sally-Ann Roberts and Sally Snook

**Nursery Nurse**—Catherine Whatling

**Teaching Assistants**—Karen, Linda, Gail, Sally, Denise and Julia

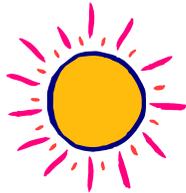
# Nursery Newsletter



## Summer Term 2008

# Welcome!

A big welcome to you all—especially those who are just joining us. We have a fun term ahead, with lots to do and experience—and let's hope the sun shines on us too!



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.



## Topic

Our topic this term is 'Water' with a focus on 'The Rainbow Fish' story, and we cover all areas of the Foundation Stage curriculum within this. Activities include: in **Communication, Language and Literacy**, a pirate ship, complete with ship's log, in the role play area and an 'under the sea' story box to develop talking and writing. In **Mathematical Development** counting objects in water, using shapes to make sea pictures and using number names in play.

In **Knowledge and Understanding of the World** we investigate floating and sinking, ice and different forms of water and in **Creative Development** we use different media to turn the nursery into an underwater world! We think about being safe near the water in **Personal and Social development** and in **Physical Development** we use music and movement to recreate water activities.



## Regular Nursery Activities

During every nursery session, children participate in literacy and numeracy activities. These include writing their name, learning letter names and sounds using the jolly phonics scheme 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 once a week. We also have a weekly cooking activity (the children eat their efforts at snack time).



Music—As well as our daily singing, we have a weekly music session when the children have access to a wide range of percussion instruments. This term we are investigating loud/soft and fast/slow.

P.E - Our PE sessions are on Fridays. We follow a programme that develops each child's basic motor skills, co-ordination and control, spatial awareness and aiming skills.

## 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.



## Important Dates

April 25th—Non-uniform day—50p  
May 1st—Polling day—Nursery closed  
May 2nd—Class photographs  
May 5th—School closed—bank holiday  
May 23rd—School closed—PD day, break up for half-term  
June 5th—Summer Fayre  
June 25th—Reception welcome meeting  
25th June—Reception Induction  
July 2nd—Reception induction  
July 9th—Reception Induction  
July 3rd—Parent's Evening  
July 4th—Sports day  
July 15th—Nursery Graduation  
July 21st—Disco—5—6.30  
July 22nd— Break-up