



Harvey Road School

Nursery Class

Summer 2019

Welcome back to Nursery Class!

Welcome back to the Summer term in Nursery! Our starting topic for the first half term is Dinosaurs. We shall follow this with growing. We shall be going on a fabulous trip to Knebworth to launch our Dinosaur topics and enhance our writing. Throughout the term we will look at a variety of books that incorporate these themes.

Homework

Reading: We will be starting to send home weekly pairs of reading books. These will give your child a chance to apply the phonic skills we have been learning at school. Lots of us know our letters, but please model and help us to segment (cut a word in to sounds) and blend (put the sounds back together) to make words. Remember that using the picture as a prompt is a strategy we have learned to help the children be successful readers.

We will continue to send home weekly Library Books – commencing Friday 3rd May. Please continue to read to your child on a daily basis for 10 minutes or so (too long will discourage reading later on; a little and often approach is desirable). Just before bed time is a great opportunity. Talk about the characters, experiment with different voices and change the ending if you wish. Looking around the environment, recognising signs, logos etc is great for confidence building as children become very familiar with words / pictures in the environment.

Learning Journals: We continue to keep a record of your child's achievements at school in their learning journey. Please feel free to contribute to these by sending in certificates or achievements from home or filling in an 'Ask me about' sticker. If you do not have any stickers please ask.

P.E. lessons continue to be on a Thursday morning. The children need to have their kit in school each week. Please clearly name all items of clothing. For the first half term we will be practising for sports day which will be held on Tuesday 21st May, so please provide a pair of outdoor trainers.

On 21st May following our Sports Day, please join us for a mini picnic, award ceremony and some healthy lifestyle activities – younger siblings welcome.

Assemblies: We will continue to have a very short "star celebration" assembly every month which you are very welcome to join us for. The first one this term will be on Friday 17th May.

This term we will continue to focus on Phases 2 and 3 phonics. This will allow the children to know all of the individual letter sounds, as well as meet the digraphs 'sh' 'ch' and 'th.' We will be applying these letters to reading and spelling and are working towards writing simple sentences and captions. You will find some flashcards in your child's tray. Please help your child to learn to read, spell and write these words as they are key to helping them in writing captions. In Maths we will build on the children's learning from last term by looking at numbers to 20 and beyond, adding small groups of numbers together, problem solving, sharing and measuring. PPA cover is provided by the Nursery Team on Wednesday mornings.

Literacy

Reading:

We will continue to read a variety of books including fiction, non-fiction and poetry. Children's name labels (full name) will be displayed in the class. During story times we will develop our knowledge of the features of books (front cover, back cover, page numbers, titles, authors etc), reading picture clues, making predictions and retelling stories. Phase 2 captions and words will be read in phonics time.

Writing:

We will continue to encourage talk about mark making and to annotate the children's marks. We will also carry on encouraging them to use the sounds they know to write simple words for labelling, making sentences and recording information. The children's writing will be linked to the topics we are covering this term. For example, birthday cards, present labels, invitations, letters etc.

Communication and Language

To encourage good speaking and listening skills, staff will be modelling polite language, sharing circle times and consistently reminding children of key listening behaviours. During phonics sessions we will be building on the skills learned last term by looking at and applying phase 2 sounds, using listening skills to rhyme, segment and blend to make short words. We use lots of opportunities to speak to a whole group when the children are sharing their achievements and reflecting on their learning. We continue to welcome 'Ask me about' stickers, but ask you to be mindful of the frequency with which your child brings these to school – to ensure each child has a fair opportunity to speak in front of their peers. We will have a fortnightly Friday 'Show & Tell' session in which they can bring an item from home to share with their Busy fingers groups – supporting those who prefer to talk in front of smaller audiences.

Mathematics

We shall continue to practise counting to 20 and beyond. We will encourage the children to count a variety of objects and actions reinforcing the principal of 'careful counting'. We will work towards recognising and ordering numerals to 20, matching quantities to numerals, adding small quantities, sharing quantities, patterns, measuring and problem solving. Using number in play will also be a focus in order to put it into real life contexts.

Understanding the World

Our topics this term will include Spring/Summer changes, Growing, Healthy Bodies, Dinosaurs and whatever else the children show interest in! We will continue to encourage the children to talk about things they have observed, why things happen and how things work. We ask children to talk about significant events within their own experience.

Expressive Arts and Design

We shall build on basic artistic skills such as joining junk modelling, painting and creating independent props / models etc. Our role play areas will be focused on what the children decide together. Each day we sing and use music as a means for the children to join in and learn about rhythm and movement.

Physical Education

The children will be focusing on independent physical skills during their child initiated play such as throwing and catching balls, skipping, balancing etc.

In class PE we shall be focusing on balancing, kicking and throwing as well as building on our Sports Day racing skills. The children will learn to do a dressing up race, egg and spoon race and straight sprints.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

As the children move towards transition we will continue to encourage them to make new friends and gain more confidence and independence. Class rules will be discussed at the beginning of the term and we will continue to use the 'rainbow' system to encourage sharing and friendly behaviour within the classroom. We will use methods such as adult modelling, circle games, stories and role play. We shall also be thinking about character's feelings in our traditional tales or right and wrong behaviour.

Useful Dates for Nursery Parents

- Tuesday 30th April – Early Years Trip to Dinosaurs @ Knebworth
- Friday 17th May – Star Assembly 9.10am in the hall
- Tuesday 21st May – Nursery Sports day – followed by family picnic and healthy lifestyle activities
- Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May – Half term
- Monday 3rd June – INSET Day
- Tuesday 11th June – New to Nursery and Reception meeting 6pm
- Monday 17th June – Deco Morning 9-10.30am
- Tuesday 18th June – Class Photo Day
- Saturday 22nd June – Croxley Revels
- Friday 12th July – Water Morning
- Monday 15th July – EYFS Assembly 9.15am
- Tuesday 16th July – Celebration Evening 6-8pm
- Friday 19th July – End of term. Nursery is open until 3.15pm, however we often find that most children are collected at 2.30pm when the remainder of the school breaks up for Summer.