

# Long Mead Community Primary Foundation Unit Newsletter



9<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents and carers

Welcome back to all of you who know us well we hope you have had a wonderful half term break even if the sun didn't shine much. This term we are continuing our recycling topic and then moving onto the topic of 'come outdoors' and these are some of the things we will be covering this term:

## **Communication and Language**

We will be sharing stories, encouraging the children to join in with familiar parts and for reception children we will be seeing if they can retell some of these stories orally. The stories we will be focusing on include: the bog baby, walking through the jungle, Tadpoles surprise, The very hungry caterpillar and many more. Our nursery children will also be listening to these stories and joining in with repetitive parts.

## **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

This term we will continue to focus on behaviour and self-control, getting along with others and being a good friend. This will involve learning to recognise and talk about our feelings, understanding how we can help others and understand the importance of sharing and taking turns, this will develop into how to be a good friend. Reception children will be looking at different ways they can resolve problems without the support of an adult. Both nursery and reception will be looking at transitions as they prepare to move into a new class and will be working on feelings, growing up as well as discussing any worries they may have.

## **Physical Development**

PE lessons will continue to take place for BOTH nursery and reception on a Monday. Please can you ensure reception have their PE kits in school every week and can nursery make sure they are wearing sensible shoes (trainers). We continue to develop the children's independence, for example getting their coats on and doing them up, putting shoes and socks on. Every morning we will be doing activities to develop fine motor control and handwriting skills. As the term progresses the children will be practising for their sports day that takes place during the last week of term.

## **Literacy**

The children will be enjoying stories, rhymes and books to develop their literacy skills. The children in reception will be continuing daily phonics sessions where they will be learning more phase 3 digraphs as well as recapping all of the sounds taught previously to ensure they are confident in recognising them. Alongside our focus story books we will be acting out stories, ordering key events and having discussions about what will happen next and completing shared writing to put our ideas on paper. Reception will be writing simple sentences ensuring they are sounding out the words carefully. We will also encourage the children to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops to prepare them for year 1. Reception reading books will be changed on a Friday. Please keep re-reading the books we send home so that your child can read them fluently. Children will enjoy reading when they feel successful. Phonics will be being taught in the nursery, they will be looking at different sounds around them, including environmental and instrumental as well as body percussion. The children who are moving up to reception in September will be practising writing their names - maybe you can support them at home.

## **Mathematics**

Nursery will continue to focus on counting accurately to 5 and beyond using 1:1 correspondence and then matching quantities with the correct numeral.

Reception will be focusing on subitising and knowing their number bonds to 5 by heart as well as looking at number problems using + - & = symbols to create number sentences EG  $3+2 = 5$ ,  $2+3=5$ ,  $5-2=3$ ,  $5-3=2$ . They will also explore and represent patterns within numbers including odd and evens, doubles facts and how quantities can be split equally.

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

We will be continuing with our recycling projects where the children will be using recycled materials to create our amazing turtle and jelly fish and well as using all of our bottle lids to create a hot air balloon scene. The children in both nursery and reception will have continual access to our creative areas where they can complete wonderful masterpieces.

### **Understanding of the World**

We will be recognising people in our families and people in our community. Miss Webster will continue taking the forest school groups on little visits in the community. We will be focusing on how to look after our surroundings by throwing our rubbish in the bin or even better to recycle it! We will take part in litter picking around the school grounds and then we will decide if everything we found could have been recycled to be made into something new. As well as that we will visit the school pond every few weeks to see if there are any changes. Both nursery and reception will look at the life cycle of butterflies and frogs and will hopefully have their own caterpillars to monitor.

Forest School for **reception** will be taking place every **Monday** - You should have had a letter if your child is taking part this term. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and bring wellies in a bag.

### **Early Years Staff**

Please note that staff are in school on the following days:

Miss Webster - Monday

Mrs Hooper - Tuesday - Friday

Nicky Wilson, Mrs Mitchell and Lois are in school all week.

### **Snack Time**

School provides snack for all children in nursery and reception; however, we do not know in advance what the fruit will be. If you feel providing a snack for your child would be more appropriate then please make sure it is healthy (fruit, veg, breadsticks and raisins etc) **NO** chocolate or crisp please.

### **Parents' comments**

Over the term we are encouraging parents to come in and have a look at their children's books to see all the wonderful things your children are doing whilst at school. Reception books will be available to look at on alternate Friday mornings - 8.30-8.45am and Friday afternoons 1.20-1.30pm. The dates will be - **Fri 16<sup>th</sup> June, Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June & Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July.**

Nursery - Please see Nicky for an appropriate time.

Lastly, there are lots of dates to remember for this term. As soon as they are finalised we will send a list of them so you have them on one sheet.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to let us know, we are always happy to help.

Thank you for your support

The Foundation Stage Team