

Nursery Spring Term Newsletter 2020

To Mums, Dads and Carers,

Happy New Year! We have enjoyed hearing all about the children's adventures over the holidays and we are looking forward to an exciting term ahead. The children have settled quickly and have impressed us with how much of the learning they have remembered after their break. Please can we also take this opportunity to thank you for the generous gifts given to members of staff at the end of the year - we are all so touched by your kindness.

As **communicators**, the children will be continuing with the 'Time to Talk' programme, which develops speaking and social interaction skills including listening, turn taking and considering their own and others' emotions. The children will be encouraged to share achievements from home with their group at Nursery. These can be recorded on a proud cloud (kept next to the noticeboard in the cloakroom) and given to your child's key worker at the beginning of the day. We will then take some time to celebrate this together during circle time.

As **healthy learners**, the children will have weekly opportunities to dance and play games to promote gross motor movement and teamwork skills. They will also be able to join in with the 'Dough Disco' twice a week to develop fine motor skills and strengthen their fingers and hands.

As **readers**, we will be sharing a range of different stories and books, encouraging the children to recall and sequence events, answer questions about the story and consider the characters' feelings and actions.

As **artists**, we will have the opportunity to make marks in different ways, on and with a variety of mediums and experiment with creating 3D structures through junk modelling, clay and salt dough.

As **scientists**, we will be building on our understanding of the world by thinking about similarities and differences, in ourselves and in the world around us. We will be looking at the seasons, and talking about how things grow and change over time.

As **mathematicians** we will continue to practise counting, recognising and representing numbers in different ways. The children will be encouraged to compare sets of objects, recognising when they are equal, and use language to describe differences such as more, less, bigger and smaller.

This term we will be starting our weekly Nursery Blog which can be found on the school website:

<https://www.knaphill-lower.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Nursery&pid=25>

Dates for your diaries

- ❖ Half –Term - Monday 17th – Friday 21st February
- ❖ World Book Day - Thursday 5th March
- ❖ Parents' Evening - Tuesday 31st March 3.30 - 6.00pm
- Thursday 2nd April 5.00 - 8.00pm
- ❖ Last Day of Term - Friday 3rd April 1.30pm



Please remember...

- Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat with hood, hat and gloves as we learn outside every day. (Please be aware that some of the best learning can be very messy 😊)
- Please name all items brought to school including shoes.

The Nursery Team would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU**, we appreciate all of your support!

If you would like to volunteer in the Nursery or you feel you can share any experiences that will link with any of our learning, please let us know. This term we are thinking about different jobs, and things that make us unique. If you would like to come in to Nursery to talk about or demonstrate a particular skill (e.g. musical instrument) or job, please let Miss Wisdom know.

If you have any questions, queries or concerns, please speak to any of the Nursery staff - we are always happy to help!

