

All Saints' C. of E. Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a wonderful Easter break and we are excited to welcome you back to the summer term! The aim of this letter is to outline some of the key aspects of school life for Nursery in the Summer Term to help you support your child both at home and school.

Staffing:

The first half of the week will remain the same (Monday- Wednesday mid- morning) will continue to be taught by Mrs Pitteway. As you know, Mrs Buchanan is now on maternity leave- we wish her all the best! The second half of the week (Wednesday mid-morning onwards) will be taught by Mrs Osafo. Mrs Osafo is the school's Deputy Headteacher and so some of the children will already be familiar to her. Mrs Wisso will continue to be the consistent teaching assistant throughout the week. Other staff do occasionally support in the nursery, including Mr Ikhlef, Mrs Hatley-Smith and Mrs McGrath.

The children also have one sports session a week run by our PE specialists. Louis teaches the children on Thursdays.

Our topics this term are as follows:

Summer 1 topic- 'Making an Impact'. The children will be finding out how we can look after our world and how their own actions and decisions can have a positive impact. We will be having different conversations through our exciting book choices on important topics such as recycling.

Summer 2 topic- 'Traditional Tales'. We will be diving into the world of Traditional Tales where the children will enjoy sharing and hearing a range of classic stories from around the world. We will be reflecting on what has been taught, asking ourselves *what can we learn from this tale?*

Learning in Nursery in the Summer Term:

Personal Social Emotional Development: It has been great to see the children's independence and relationships grow from the start of the year. We will continue to embed all of those important skills that were taught in the Autumn/ Spring term and we will introduce some other important lessons too. We will discuss the importance of making 'green choices' and how making positive choices results in positive outcomes for our school and community. We will explore different emotions in circle times and introduce our 'calming corner' where we will encourage the children to use the resources appropriately in order to support their emotional regulation. Lastly, we will have some discussions around personal hygiene and look forward to exposing the children to some delicious recipes and healthy flavours in our cooking sessions.



Physical Development: As mentioned, the children will continue to enjoy a weekly PE lesson taught by our specialist- this term they will learn gymnastics. We will continue to be using the play equipment outside to develop an awareness of personal space and aiming to avoid any potential obstacles. We will continue to focus on developing fine motor skills and hand-eye co-ordination through threading, cutting and sensory based 'messy play' activities. The children will also have daily opportunities to develop pencil grip.

Communication and Language: In Nursery, we ensure that the children are given a range of opportunities to practise their speaking and listening skills. We will continue to practise developing sustained listening skills, through learning rhymes and listening to stories. We feel it is important to provide a familiar home corner all year round as it relates directly to the children's own lives and interests and is something that all children have in common regardless of their cultural background or previous experience. Furthermore, it gives children the opportunity to explore their social and emotional lives and provides a familiar place for developing language and communication.

Expressive Arts and Design: The children will continue to work individually and collaboratively on various art projects. As part of Design and Technology, we will use recycled materials to make models that link with other areas of learning. We look forward to joining in with 'Music for A Summer's Afternoon' with the rest of the school in summer 2, when we will design and create our own head dresses and dance props to enhance our performance.

Understanding the World: We will have discussions and provide activities on 'Animals at Home and Around the World'. We will also look at different plants and flowers and the children will have the opportunity to grow something to eat! The children will continue their outdoor learning once a week with Mrs M where they will be inspired by hands- on experiences in the natural environment.

Maths: We will teach the children language such as 'more than' and 'fewer than' when comparing quantities. We will also continue to model and teach language to describe positions such as (in, on and under) as well as everyday vocabulary to describe and compare different measurements. We will continue to deepen the children's number knowledge using the mastery approach.

Phonics

Here at All Saints' our teaching of phonics starts in Saplings class using the Little Wandle Scheme of work. Throughout the year, we will provide a balance of child-led and adult-led experiences for all children that meet the curriculum expectations for 'Communication and language' and 'Literacy'. These include:

- sharing high-quality stories and poems
- learning a range of nursery rhymes and action rhymes
- activities that develop focused listening and attention, including oral blending
- Attention to high-quality language.
- **Every Friday**, parents and carers are invited on site to read with their child in the classroom environment. These sessions will take place between 8:45am-9:00am

The children will continue to be introduced to a sound a week. The phonics session happens at the start of the day and is made up of a variety of 'Tuning into sound games' and 'Oral blending games'. The children are very familiar with these now and enjoy taking part.

Home Learning:

Home learning will continue to be sent out weekly on **Wednesday**. A login will be sent out to new children shortly. Homework will consist of a short summary/reflection of the week's learning with suggestions of how to extend the children's learning at home. We would kindly ask that you take the time to ensure your child does their homework on a weekly basis and to inform us if on an occasion they are unable to.



Additional Information: We also would like to remind you to please, label absolutely everything including school sweatshirts, lunch boxes, water bottles, etc., as it makes the children very upset if they can't find their belongings. For the same reason, please don't allow children to bring in toys from home. If possible, please ensure your child has labelled wellies that can stay in the Nursery for outdoor learning. Can we also remind you that **we are a nut and sesame free school** and products containing these ingredients are not allowed in the school (that includes hummus!) We ask that lunch boxes don't include chocolates or sweets, as we are a healthy school.

Finally, we would like to say that the children enjoy daily access to art materials that are essential to their learning and explore other consumable materials such as play dough, soap flakes, shaving foam etc. To cover the costs of ingredients for these activities, we ask parents for a voluntary donation (£10 for a term or £30 for the whole year). These contributions have proven very beneficial throughout the years for the children and have an immediate impact. We are, however, very conscious of the financial pressures on everyone at the moment, so please don't worry if you can't make this donation, either fully or at all at this point.

If you have any other queries, please feel free to approach us for a chat at the end of the school day. Alternatively, you could contact the school office. They will forward your email onto us:
admin@allsaints.wandsworth.sch.uk

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Pitteway and Mrs Osafo
Nursery Class teachers

