

Glendermott Nursery Unit Newsletter

February 2018

Dear Parents

Welcome to February's newsletter. This month we are full of love!

Songs and Rhymes

Keep singing a wide range of nursery rhymes with your child. You will be surprised how many they know. Sing these together:

- 10 Fat Sausages
- 5 little monkeys.
- 1,2,3,4,5
- Five little Fishes
- 5 Wild animals in the Zoo.

Colour

This month we will focus on the colours red and pink to link in with Valentine's Day. We will talk about the different shades of these colours.

If you have any items at home your child can bring them in for the colour display table. Please help your child at home by looking for colours and talking to them about their environment.

Shape

This month we will be learning about the heart as well as continuing to reinforce all shapes during play. We will be matching and sorting shapes and encouraging the children to look for shapes in school and at home.

Getting Ready to learn

Meeting and workshop will be held on Friday 23rd February @9.00am. I hope you can make it.

Curriculum News

Our next topic is 'Shops and Shopping' and will start after half term and continue to the end of March. We will focus on the hairdresser's, the Supermarket and the Shoe shop using stories such as 'The Gingerbread Man' and 'Teddy Bears Go Shopping' to develop the theme.

This topic will provide many learning opportunities such as:

- sharing familiar experiences
- sequencing events into correct order
- exploring new vocabulary
- developing early writing as the children write their shopping lists and price labels
- comparing sizes with bottles and boxes
- making bread-talking about and measuring out the ingredients
- sorting and matching food items-things we drink/things we eat/things that go in the fridge/things that go in the cupboard etc
- talking about favourite foods/healthy and unhealthy foods
- using language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences
- counting in everyday contexts e.g. counting stock in the shop, peas on our plate etc
- using the language of money
- using positional language such as -on, under, beside, in front of, behind
- expressing and communicating their ideas, thoughts and feelings
- exploring colour, shape and texture
- listening to stories about shops and shopping
- expressing their likes and dislikes about shopping
- exploring materials such as what clothes and shopping bags are made from
- learning about litter and recycling
- investigating floating and sinking so use bath time to explore this
- tapping and chanting out rhythms and keeping a steady beat
- creating models using junk materials
- beginning to recognise their name and talking about letters in print
- talking about numbers during play/recognising some numbers in print
- recalling familiar stories and rhymes
- using scissors to snip and cut
- dressing up as favourite characters in rhymes and books

You can help with this learning at home by....

- Encouraging your child to use markers etc to draw pictures/objects
- Playing matching pairs and snap together
- Helping them to find their name and talking about letters and numbers
- Singing the alphabet song together
- Talking about the size of objects and comparing sizes
- Helping them to notice when containers are full, half full and empty
- Having story and talk time as often as possible
- Encouraging your child to take off and put on jumper, coat and shoes independently
- Another important skill you could help to develop is cutting with scissors. The best way to improve this skill is lots and lots of practice using scissors. If possible spend some time allowing your child to snip and cut at home. It really will be worth it!

Note for Diary

World Book Day is on Thursday 1st March.

This will be a non-uniform day. Please send in £1 for nursery funds.

We would like the children to come to nursery dressed as a character from a story or nursery rhyme on that day. Every child will be given a World Book Day Voucher. If your child has a favourite book at home, you can send it to nursery and we will share it with the nursery class.

More information about World Book Day can be found on www.worldbookday.com

Meet and Greet

After half term the children will begin each day with a short 'meet and greet' session in our quiet room where we

- find out what day of the week it is
- talk about the season and the weather
- find out who the helpers for the day are
- recall previous learning
- share news
- reinforce positive behaviour and rules etc.

This is an important time for developing talking and listening.

Library Books

Library books changed every Tuesday. Please read with your child and return weekly.



Fundraising Events

In the classroom we have a large bottle for collecting loose change which we hope to fill before Easter. The children will enjoy bringing in coins and seeing them build and rise up the jar.

When the weather gets better we will be organizing a sponsored cycle for the children so keep practicing cycling skills.

It is hoped that these events will be successful in raising the funds we need.

Important Dates

- The nursery is closed for half term from 12th-16thFeb. We will return to nursery on Monday 19th Feb.

Happy Birthday
Ellabeth



We hope you will all have an enjoyable half term with lots of rest and happy family time.

Happy Valentine's Day Everyone!



Thank you
From all the Nursery staff.

