

Peter Rabbit Nursery Newsletter: October 2024

Starting Nursery

We are so proud of how the children have all settled into nursery. Our existing children have remembered the nursery rules routines well and our new children are quickly getting the hang of things. Well done guys!

We would also like to thank all the parents for helping the children settle in the morning. We would like the children to gain a little independence so please encourage them to find their own name and hang up their coat.

School Applications

If your child was born between 1/9/2020 and 31/08/2021 then it is important that you start thinking about applying for schools. I have posted the local schools details on Tapestry for you to have a look at. If you need any support please let me know.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant/apply>

Our Curriculum

At Peter Rabbit Nursery we have written our own curriculum and progression map looking closely at where the children are currently working and what their individual next steps should be. Our curriculum and progression map are based on the Development Matters document and the Montessori principles.

We will have a huge focus on reading this year and will focus on a new text every week or two. We hope to ensure children develop a love of reading and see reading as a pleasurable experience. We are also aiming to boost vocabulary by introducing the children to more adventurous words and using them in our everyday play. This week we talked about the words 'cautious', 'courageous' and 'considerate.'

Children are never too young to start their journey with books, and the benefits of reading are enormous.

Ideas to encourage reading at home...

All the children at Nursery love snuggling up in the book corner with a good book and story time is one of the most popular times of the day (after lunch obviously!)

Here are some simple tips that can help encourage children to enjoy reading for pleasure:

- Read to your child for at least 30 minutes a day. This could be in the bath, cuddled up on the sofa or in bed.
- Sing songs and recite poems that have repetitive rhythms. Repetition makes it easier for your child to pick up on the patterns in the sounds you make.
- Model good reading yourself. Children need to see that reading is something everyone can enjoy. Good excuse to put your feet up for a bit!
- Visit your local library regularly.
- Follow your child's lead. Reading should be pleasurable, if they are not interested right now then try again in a couple of hours.
- Have a selection of books available around the house. Rotating books so different books are on display can keep it exciting for children.

The Nursery Building

As many of you may be aware our hall will now be used outside of nursery hours for other community events. This will not have any impact on the children but does mean that the hall will have to be cleared away once the children have left. Therefore we will no longer be able to leave any bags on pegs. If your child is fully toilet trained then you do not need to bring a bag in at all, we have plenty of spare clothes encase of accidents. Of course if they would like to bring one then they are more than welcome.

Reminders:

Please ensure all items (especially coats and water bottles) are clearly labelled.

Water bottles should only contain water. Please no juice or squash. Children have the choice of milk and water at snack time.

If you are using the working parents funding please ensure you are aware of the deadline for the application. For more info please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>. This link contains all the information parents need regarding the working parents allowance.

Stay and Play Sessions

We will be holding Stay and Play sessions at nursery over the **week beginning the 2nd December**. We will be inviting a few parents in each morning between 9am and 10am to come and play with us! These sessions will hopefully give you an insight into our morning routine.

We will also be holding sessions on early phonics and early maths as the year progresses.

There will be a sign-up sheet in nursery after half term so you can book your slot

Lunch Boxes

Please can we remind all parents that we are a **nut free** nursery, this includes pesto. We were also struggling with chocolate products last year as many of the items children were bringing in contained hazelnuts, we therefore now have a blanket ban on any chocolate items.

Also a reminder that any small, round items must be cut lengthways and preferably in quarters. These include items such as grapes, blueberries, cherry tomatoes and strawberries.

Thank you for your support with this.

Nativity

Wednesday 18th December

Our Nativity will take place on Wednesday 18th December at 11am. We ask that only 2 adults attend per family to ensure that everyone is able to enjoy the show. If it is your child's usual day please bring them in at 9am. If your child does not normally attend on a Wednesday then please bring your child in at 10.30am

We will be providing costumes for all the children and will send out information about your child's part nearer the time.

There may even be a visit from Father Christmas himself!

If you have any questions then please let me know.

Term Dates

Please visit the website to ensure you have the term dates. We break up for half term on Friday 20th October and return on Monday 30th October.

<https://www.peterrabbit-nursery-burpham.co.uk/copy-of-current-parents>