

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the Summer Term. We would especially like to welcome all our new children, their families and carers who join the Nursery. Our theme for this half term is 'growing and life cycles' and after half term we will be looking at water.

We will be watching how caterpillars change into butterflies in class and we will also be continuing with planting and growing in our vegetable patch. Hopefully, we will have enough produce to use to make soup at the end of term.

We will be developing speaking, listening and literacy skills and there will be opportunities to share thoughts and explore how we feel about different stories and situations. We will develop storytelling skills and use our knowledge to create role play and provide stimuli for art, dance, music and other creative play. The theme will also be used as a context to explore number, counting, size and measurement.

Throughout the term we will continue to focus on different aspects of learning. This will include correct letter formation and name writing, number and calculation skills, as well as turn taking and small group games. As usual all children will engage in a range of activities to develop their knowledge, skills and interests in all areas of the curriculum.

We will be enjoying using our outdoor area. The children spend a large amount of time outside and so need to bring a jacket every day as the weather is changeable. As it becomes sunnier it is advisable that you apply sunscreen to your child before leaving for school, provide them with a hat and have their shoulders covered. Children should not wear open toed or open backed sandals or crocs to school or any jewellery except stud earrings. Please mark coats, hats, drink bottles and fruit boxes with your child's name. **Please leave home toys at home.** Toys left in pockets and bags have caused a few problems recently.

Gates are shut promptly at 8.55/11.45 and 12.55/3.45. Please contact the school office if you will be unavoidably late.

We also greatly appreciate your Friday contributions and have used them to buy ingredients for cooking, seeds, books and resources to support our topics.

Google classroom – there will be a weekly challenge on google classroom (**Nursery-All**). This will let you know what we have been doing in class and will provide you with optional activities to do at home. Please use this to let us know about any other exciting activities or achievements that happen at home.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Dawe (Purple group), Tammy (Red Group), Mrs McCarthy (Blue group), Mrs Childs (Orange group AM)
Miss Kemp (Orange group PM) and Lisa - The Nursery Team