



Nursery News

Autumn Term

September
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Dear Parents/carers

A big welcome to the Autumn term in Nursery, whether you are returning after the holidays or starting with us.

Our first half term topic is 'Ourselves' and 'London'.

We will be using lots of stories to extend the children's language skills, their imaginative and creative play, as well as their ability to retell stories and create their own.

We will be talking about ourselves, our school and our wider environment, and will be sharing experiences from home and places we have visited. We will focus on London, looking at famous landmarks, talking about days out that you may have had. We will end the half term reading stories about Kings, Queens, Princes and Princesses, looking at pictures of our Royal family and having Royal ball of our own.

It would be lovely if you could bring/send in a photo via Google Classroom of your child/family on holiday or on a day out so that we can add it to our 'Our world board' in class.

After half term we will be focusing on traditional tales and throughout the term we will be observing the changing of the seasons and celebrating Autumn and Winter festivals including Harvest, Diwali and Christmas.

All children will be working towards achieving 8 goals, learning through both child-led play and adult guided activities.

Our Nursery Goals

These goals incorporate all areas of the EYFS curriculum and the children will work at their own pace through the milestones to work towards or surpass the goals.

Our outdoor learning is very important to us. The children learn about nature and the environment, often through engaging in team work and in so doing developing social skills, resilience and perseverance.

As it gets colder may we remind you that children should have **warm outdoor clothing** as they can spend long periods outside, whatever the weather. No Ugg style boots or open toed shoes or sandals

please! **Please mark coats, hats and scarves with your child's name.** If you would like to send in a piece of fresh fruit or a bottle of water, please ensure that it is named and placed in the container daily.

We welcome empty cartons and packaging for modelling, but please do not bring in any packaging which has contained nut products

Our class bears Harry and Bernie will be sent home to spend the weekend with the children, along with scrapbooks to record their adventures.

A prompt start to the day is important so please arrive between 8.45-8.55 at the beginning of the morning session and 12.45-12.55 for the beginning of the afternoon session. We would also remind you that children must be collected between 11.35 and 11.45 at the end of the morning session and between 3.20-3.45 at the end of the afternoon session to enable staff to plan and prepare for the next session. The gate will be closed promptly at these times. Please contact the school office if you will be unavoidably late.

Friday Money Box – We greatly appreciate your voluntary Friday contributions and use them to buy ingredients for play dough, cooking and resources to support topics and interests. Last term's purchases included seeds for our growing topic.

- **Please leave home toys at home.**
- **Please ensure that children do not bring nuts to school, this includes Nutella and bars containing nuts.**

Play	Use pretend play to think beyond the 'here and now'
Create	Create your own story
Write	Write at least 2 letters of your name
Explore	Become an intrepid explorer who can discuss routes and locations
Perform	Perform your own dance to an audience
Follow	Follow a recipe using vegetables that you have grown.
Learn	Become a confident learner
Organise	Be part of a team to organise and participate in a Mini Olympics

Google classroom – Log in details will be sent out soon.

Keeping in touch: We are available at the end of the day for any quick queries you may have, otherwise please contact us via **Google Classroom**. We will respond within **three working days**. If your matter is urgent, please email the school office at deansfield@compassps.uk.

Most weeks I will upload a weekly challenge letting you know what we have been doing in Nursery and offering you an activity to support this at home. This is optional.

You may want to just talk to your child about what they have been doing, or you may enjoy completing the task with them. You can record this in any way you like. The children love to show us the pictures that they have drawn.

This should be an enjoyable way of sharing learning experiences from outside of school with adults and friends in school.

You can also use the assignment to record visits, activities, special events and celebrations. You can upload children's illustrations, mark making, photos, tickets, invitations and writing (by you or your child). Or you may want to share with us something that your child has achieved or is proud of.

We love to hear about your child's activities at home to gain a broader picture of his/her learning and development.

The children are welcome to take home a story book to share with you. Please read daily with your child.

If you have any concerns or worries at all, please feel free to speak to staff at a mutually convenient time. We look forward to an exciting and enjoyable term and will let you know of any events that may be organised as they occur.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Dawe, Tammy and Mrs McCarthy - The Nursery Team