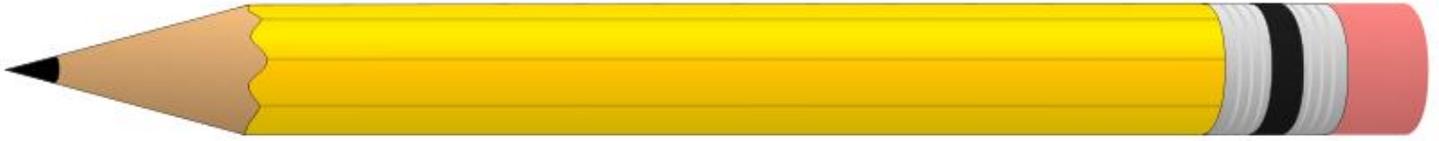


Early Years Newsletter Summer 2022



Welcome back to another exciting term at Nantwich Primary Academy and Nursery. We hope you have all enjoyed the Easter holidays and had a very well-deserved rest! We'd like to send a warm welcome to our new children and their families; we're so pleased to have you with us. The following newsletter will highlight everything you need to know for the Summer term.

Our new topic for this half-term is called 'Let's Grow' and we will be learning all about how plants grow and planting lots of exciting things! Overleaf you will find some of the possible activities we will be completing but as we plan from the children's interests, this will no doubt change to meet their needs!

As part of the children's homework, we have sent home planning ideas cards. Please fill these in and return as soon as possible as these suggestions helped to plan the children's learning.

Outdoor Play

As the weather is hopefully improving the children need to have suitable clothing for the outdoors as the children are encouraged to go outside to learn as much as possible. Please make sure your child has a water bottle, hat and sun cream in school for when the weather gets hotter and that everything is named. In the meantime, children will still need a waterproof coat and wellingtons in school.

Ways to be involved this year:

We would like all our families to be as involved in our learning as possible. We send regular updates on ClassDojo and children's learning will be recorded on LearningBook - if you're not sure how to access these then please let us know. We would really like for you to share with us those special family moments and times when your child is applying their learning at home. These can be sent via LearningBook or uploaded to the portfolio on ClassDojo.

Class Dojo

Our positive behaviour system uses 'Class Dojo' where children collect points as a reward for making the right choices. We also use ClassDojo to share our weekly news and upcoming events as well as sending and receiving messages from families. Please check this regularly.

Morning toast

Every child is offered half a slice of toast each morning. This is not breakfast but helps fill that 'hungry' gap before snack time and is a nice way for children to settle in a morning. We do ask for a contribution of £1 per week for each child and this is paid online using our School Money system as we are a cashless school (this is also how you pay for school trips or other events in school). This contribution also enables us to offer snacks, cooking ingredients, fresh playdough and role play resources.

Milk and snack

Every morning each child is offered a carton of fresh milk and a piece of fruit. The fresh milk will be free until your child is 5 and then you will be sent details of how to pay directly through our milk supplier (Cool Milk). The fruit is provided for free through a nationwide scheme.

Water

Please provide your child with a clearly named water bottle. This should only contain water, not flavoured water or juice. Packed lunches should also contain a drink.

Reading

Reading books are sent home for you to share with your Reception child. We recommend reading with your child upwards of three times a week - please write in the reading diary each time your child reads their school reading book. This half-term will be awarding certificates to children who are reading and practicing their tricky words three or more times a week.

Please send you child's reading book and diary to school daily. Books will be changed twice weekly. We'd also like your child to practice reading their tricky words as often as possible - learning to recognise these words automatically will really help your child with their reading. We will check their reading of these words weekly and add new ones when appropriate.

Nursery will be bringing home sharing story books with ideas of exciting activities to do together shared on ClassDojo.

Our Learning

Our classroom learning uses the Foundation Stage Curriculum which focuses on three prime areas (essential to underpin children's future learning and healthy development) and four specific learning areas: literacy, mathematics, understanding the world and expressive arts and design.

This term, our topic will be 'Let's Grow!'

We will start the term by sharing 'Jasper's Beanstalk' by Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen. The story will help us to learn how to take care of plants and how to be patient! We will be planting our own beanstalks, sunflowers and cress as well as looking after our strawberries and herbs that are already growing in our outdoor area. Later in the term we will be sharing the texts, 'Oliver's Vegetables' and 'Handa's Surprise' to help us explore the differences between two countries and the food that can be grown in them. Finally, we will be learning about life cycles and how we have changed from when we were babies. Thank you for everyone who has sent a baby photo - there's still time if you haven't yet.

Literacy (Reading and Writing)

In Nursery we will be encouraging confident mark makers by exploring sensory ways of making patterns and talking about our pictures and drawings. We will also be doing fine motor activities which strengthen the muscles needed for writing.

In Reception we will be continuing to write simple sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will be joining two sentences using the word 'and' and adding adjectives to make our writing more exciting.

In our daily phonics sessions, Nursery children will be taking part in activities that promote good listening and playing with sounds through rhyme and alliteration. Children in Reception will be continuing to learn new phonemes (the sounds that letters make) and to be able to sound these out to read and write words.

Number, Space, Shape and Measure

Nursery will begin the term by learning to match numerals and quantities and continuing to learn to recognise numbers and count to 5 (and beyond!) Children will also be solving real life number problems. In Reception, children are learning about numbers from 11 upwards and even beyond 20. We will explore how these numbers can be made and solving problems with this knowledge.

Uniform

School Uniform should be worn by both Reception and Nursery children. All items of uniform should be labelled with your child's name please. More information can be found on the school website:

PE

All children in Nursery and Reception will take part in PE every Wednesday morning. On this day, your child needs to come into school in their PE kit which is a plain white t-shirt, black shorts/ black or navy joggers and a black sweatshirt (not a hoody), no logos or stripes please. Your child will need to wear black Velcro PE pumps. Please name all items.

Finally, as always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak (or send a Dojo message) to any member of the Early Years Team.

Mrs Turner, Mrs Callas, Mrs Bird, Miss Foster and
Miss Alcott