



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your on-going support. Here is a little insight into learning in Nursery this term.

We will continue to provide all children with play based learning. Throughout the day children have access to a wide range of play experiences which help them develop important skills and learn new things. To help us along on our learning journey our first topic this half term is "Travel, Transport, Vehicles and the jobs they do". We are going to be looking at all different types of vehicle not only learning about their names but their parts and also the different jobs they do such as construction, farming and transport. We hope to move on from this to develop our interest in occupations and look into to the lives of people who are familiar to us and think about the kinds of jobs people we know do and what other different jobs are out there.

Curriculum Coverage

Communication and Language	We continue to work on our listening and attention skills, in particular developing our concentration span and enhancing our vocabulary. We will be learning lots of vocabulary to do with transport, vehicles and textures.
Physical Development	We will be taking "to the road" on our playground with bikes, trikes, scooters and cars, learning road safety and getting some exercise and hopefully new skills at the same time. We will continue on-going work on health and self-care and fine motor skills. We hope you will support us as we work on promoting children independence in toileting and also dressing e.g. remembering to put coat on to go outside.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	As always we will be working on turn-taking and sharing. We are going to be looking at social skills in terms of how we can play together and how we interact with others as we play and learn. Mojo and Mayhem will be looking out for lovely behaviour and also beginning to look for characteristics of effective learning.
Literacy	For our younger children we maintain high levels of pre-requisite activities like squiggle, dough disco and funky fingers. We are going to start doing more and more mark-making and in turn writing. Pre-schoolers will be encouraged to read and begin to write letters from their names. They will also be encouraged to write numerals. We continue with activities from Letters and Sound Phase one beginning to learn about rhyme, alliteration and sounds in words.
Mathematics	We are having a big push on representing number, not just as written numerals but also using our fingers, marks on a page and objects as counters too. We are pretty good at counting by rote but we ALL need to practice using the right number of fingers for each number. We will also be doing some work on shape and size language, this links really nicely to vehicles: round wheels, a bus is longer etc.
Understanding the World	We will be using the IWB to look at some clips about transport, and developing our interest and use of technology toys. Next half term we hope to think about people we are familiar with and what their jobs are and look at and learn about what occupations there are out in the big wide world.
Expressive Arts and Design	As always we will be doing lots of making and creating, exploring music, media and art. We will enjoy singing, dancing, painting, 3D model making and collage in particular. We are keen to encourage children to start representing things linked to the topic but also to their life experiences.

In preparation for this exciting topic here is some of the vocabulary which we will be using this term.

car	(motor)bike	bus	lorry/truck	van	(aero)plane
helicopter	train	door(s)	mirror(s)	(head)lights	horn
wheels	exhaust	drive	travel	journey	road
bumpy	squishy	ridge	hard	soft	rough
scratchy	smooth	soft	bendy	stiff	job
work	occupation	builder	farmer	shop assistant	nurse
fire fighter	police officer	ambulance driver	lorry/delivery driver	doctor	carer

We continue to be blessed with a hard working and large team of staff and as we increase to offer Nursery full days to more children we look forward to welcoming more staff on board. In the EYFS it is a requirement that all parents and carers of the setting know about key persons and staff deployment. There is a display in Nursery which shows all staff and key groups and includes which adults work when. Please feel free to have a look at this display to remind yourselves. We will also be reviving the display in the cloakroom to reflect this information.

As always we strive to develop and improve. We are looking at further developing our outdoor provision by developing a wildlife area and potentially an outdoor music area. If anyone has any time, skills or resource to help with this please speak to Mrs Phillips. We are hoping to organise a fence to section off a designated wild life area which will be called "the wild side" and will be registered with "Wild Exmouth" and stems from work we did in our vision week about living life in all its fullness... including looking after the world around us.

We hope to be able to do some visits and also have some visitors in to enhance our learning and feed in to our topic. We will give out more information about these as and when they happen.

Gentle Reminders:

Tapestry

A big thank you to everyone who is interacting with Tapestry be it sharing what's going on at home or just giving a thumbs up and a comment when you have looked at what we have been up to. We appreciate your input. If anyone is having issues using or accessing Tapestry please speak to a member of the EY team and we will do our best to resolve the issue!

Reading at home

Please continue to exchange your home/school reading books. Whilst we do not enforce rearing in Nursery we highly value its importance, sharing stories with your children is an incredible way to increase their vocabulary and their learning. If you do not have a bookbag/folder please remind one of the team and we will sort that out for you.

Promoting Independence

As part of their on-going development all children are encouraged to be as independent as possible with toileting. We therefore ask that you bear in mind clothes need to be labelled and easy to take on and off. Loose fitting is much easier especially if your child is toilet training. May we ask that ALL children have at least one spare set of clothes in a bag on their peg... just in case! We also ask that parents of preschool children do not enter Nursery

at the end of morning session, this again is partly to promote independence but it is also a safeguarding matter. We thank you for helping in this.

Key Person

We would like to remind you all of the importance of our key person system. Every child has at least one key person, this is to ensure there is always a key person present for your child. At the end of each day children spend time in their key groups with their key person to wind down before going home. Your child's key person should also be available for you to pass on messages, ask questions about your child and/or nursery and listen to any concerns you may have. We will be reorganising the key groups again soon and you will be sent a letter to remind you who your child's key people are. There is a display in Nursery by the disabled toilet if you need to refresh who is who in the meantime!

Water Bottles

We would like to remind all parents and carers that we are a health school. Dental hygiene and well-being has become a big issue in young children. Drinking from bottles (including sports bottles) is not ideal for children's teeth. At Nursery children are provided with a cup of milk or water mid-morning at snack, at lunchtime and mid-afternoon and cups and jugs of water are available throughout the day at the drink station for children to help themselves. If you feel your child needs a bottle in school as well we would ask that it is water only in the bottle. Thanks.

Afternoon sessions

Just to confirm that Nursery is now offering full day sessions for all children, including two year olds. We will need to ensure staffing levels are adequate but if you are interested in changing or adding to your sessions please see Mrs Poslett. Additional sessions are charged at £13 for two year olds and £11 per session for three and four year olds.

Snack money

We would like to remind you that Nursery families are asked to donate **£1.50 per half term** to help cover snack and cookery costs. The more people that pay the more fun opportunities we can provide for your children. Please note Nursery children are not entitled to free fruit through the school fruit scheme so snack money is essential in buying high quality snack for Nursery children.

Many thanks, Mrs Phillips and the Nursery Team