



Fleet Primary School

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Fleet Nursery Autumn Term 2024 Me and My World!



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Fleet Nursery! We have loved meeting all of you and your fabulous children and we are looking forward to supporting them while they settle into their new learning environment, make new friends and engage in the many activities we have planned for them.

Fleet Nursery is a warm, happy and engaging environment in which every child is supported to help them achieve their full potential. We aim to develop independence, self-confidence and caring attitudes which will help the children acquire lifelong learning skills. Nursery is the foundation of school education and we strive to develop a love of learning and a passion for discovering new concepts with confidence. As well as learning through play, we organise the day so children can take part in a variety of stimulating adult led activities that promote the different areas of learning as well as initiating their own learning and play.

The prime areas of learning that take priority when planning are:

- Communication and Language
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development

Specific areas include:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding of the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Once the children have settled into the new environment, we will have 3 carpet sessions a day, each with a specific focus. Our first session will have a topic focus and will engage the children in the exciting learning opportunities for the day. During the day we will also have a maths and literacy focused session.

As the year goes on, our involvement with the main school will increase with us going over for a PE session, attending singing assemblies, as well as watching class assemblies and working on co-operative projects with older children.

Autumn Term Topic – Me and My World!

The focus for our topic this term will provide opportunities for the children to learn about each other and the world around them. We will be focusing on supporting the children to develop positive relationships, enabling them to build new friendships with all the other children in nursery and learning to see themselves as part of a class. We have chosen lots of lovely books that we will use as a weekly focus to help support the children with making friends and settling into the new environment and routines.

We will be learning about the world around us and how we can help to care for it. As part of this, we will also be finding out about the people around us who help us and keep us safe. This term also provides many opportunities to learn about different festivals and celebrations, such as Diwali, Halloween, Hannukah and Christmas.

Snacks and Lunch

Please send your child to school each day with a named water bottle so they can drink throughout the day. We ask that the bottles are filled with **water only** – no squash, carbonated water or juice please.

A variety of fruit snacks are provided for the children to eat each morning. Lunch is a social time in our Nursery, with staff supporting the children. The menu can be found on the weekly school newsletter. We encourage the children to try new foods and aim to make lunchtimes a positive experience but there may be times your child hasn't had a lot to eat. If this is the case, we will let you know.

Reading

One of the best things you can do for your child is read to them. The children will have the opportunity to select books to take home and share with you. To help look after our books, we would be grateful if you could collect a **free** Fleet book bag from the office in return for applying for free school meals (even if you are not eligible). The children can take home 2 books at a time. Our Book Bag changing days are Tuesday and Thursday. We also read to the children throughout the day and encourage their participation in retelling stories and joining in wherever possible.

Mathematics

Many of the rhymes and songs we learn will have a number focus. Practical mathematics activities will also be embedded in our activities throughout the day. We will continually give the children reasons to count, sort, order, sequence and recognise numerals. The children will also participate in maths games and puzzles in an adult led group. Our carpet sessions will have different focuses such as learning the number sequence, representing numbers, number

names and matching numerals to quantities. Once all the children are settled, we will introduce a number of the week. There will be lots of number activities to support this in nursery and we will provide ideas for activities so that you'll be able to join in with this at home too.

Clothing

Please dress your child in clothes that allow for their growing independence. Unless your child can fasten their own shoelaces, please send them in shoes or boots with velcro or zips.

Due to the nature of early years education, there will be times when the children get dirty, even with aprons on. For this reason, please avoid sending your child to school in special clothing. Additionally, please ensure there are spare clothes for your child on their peg and replace items as they are used.

We are an all weather nursery, so the children will play outside in different kinds of weather. Please send your child in with a named waterproof coat with a hood in case of rain, as well as winter clothing when the weather is cooler. It's also very helpful if hats, gloves etc are named too. We also ask that a pair of named wellington boots are left at school for the children to wear for Forest School sessions. More details to follow separately about these sessions.

Camden Kids Talk

This year we are delighted to be taking part in the Camden Kids Talk project for the second year. This is a multi-agency approach to improving communication, speech and language in the early years. There will be more information about this and parent sessions later in the year.

The Nursery Team

Rebecca Combes is the class teacher and works 4 days a week. Margaret O'Sullivan will cover Rebecca on Tuesday afternoon when she has planning time and Wednesdays. Shami Begum is one of our full time teaching assistants and we are currently recruiting a new teaching assistant to make up the final member of the team.

Important dates

- Thursday 28th November – Early Years Class Tea (more information will be given closer to the date)
- Friday 6th December – Infant Show
- Tuesday 17th December – Nursery Party

Other dates to follow – parent meetings, trip dates.

Further information:

School Contact Number: 020 7485 2028 extension 3 for Nursery. Please phone between 8-9am to let us know if your child is unwell and will be absent.

Open Hours: 8.50am – 3.20pm. We have a ‘soft start’ which means that children can come into nursery from 8.50am, but must be in by 9am, ready for the register to be taken. Please also let us know straight away if any of your contact details change so we can contact you if necessary. Also please let us know if someone different will be collecting your child. Ideally it would be good for us to have met them in advance.

We need written consent to administer any medication. There is a form for you to fill out if your child needs any medicine. We are unable to administer any medication that is not prescribed by a doctor such as Calpol.

If you have any questions, queries or ideas to share, please do not hesitate to let us know. The adults are around before and after school to talk through any concerns you may have – we would never want you to be worried about anything to do with nursery, so please do ask if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support,

The Nursery Team