



# Fleet Primary School

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## Nursery - Spring Term

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a fabulous break. It has been lovely welcoming you all back last week into the newly decorated nursery building. We would also like to welcome our 4 new families to Fleet Nursery that start this week.

### Staffing

I am so very lucky to have an amazing team in Nursery! We were very sad to say goodbye to Dalya at Christmas but have been very lucky to find another fabulous person to take her place. Jamila will be working in Nursery full time and is already getting to know the children and has fitted into the team well. We also have Shami and Fatima working every day, as well as Margaret covering Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday. The children and I are very lucky to have such amazing adults working with us!

### Spring term topic

Our topic this term is called '3 is the Magic Number' and will focus on traditional stories that have the number three as a focus; The Three Little Pigs, The Three Billy Goat's Gruff and Goldilocks and the Three Bears are a few examples. With each story we will focus on the events of the story, learn about the characters and look at different versions of the story. We will be reading each story many times so that the children are able to tell the story themselves and use the story events and characters in their play. Each story has many learning opportunities which we will make the most of; for example, when we are learning about Goldilocks and the Three Bears, we will explore lots of activities about size and measuring, make our own porridge and investigate how objects feel and decide whether they are hard or soft.

### Reading and Literacy

The children love listening to stories throughout the day and have started to get more involved by retelling stories, predicting what might happen next and talking about their favourite parts. Please remember our book changing days are Tuesday and Thursday, when the children can select two books to take home. Talking to your child about the illustrations, what might happen next, their favourite part, which characters they like or dislike etc, all helps to develop their comprehension of texts and supports the development of

their story language. We will continue to learn a new sound each week and this will be on the noticeboard outside Nursery, along with the focus rhyme and poem of the week. The children are building up quite a repertoire!

### **Mathematics**

Mathematical learning happens throughout the day during carpet sessions, small group work and is also carefully embedded in play activities. Our number of the week will be on the noticeboard each week. We give the children lots of reasons to count, sort, order, sequence and recognise numerals and shapes. Daily singing of number rhymes and counting objects takes place during carpet sessions. At home you can help the children by counting with them to 10 and beyond if they are ready. Counting small sets of objects when cooking and doing other domestic activities can also be helpful. We have a focus on subitising numbers to 5 through this term – this is where you can recognise how many you have of something without counting. Dice games are great for developing this skill.

### **Camden Kids Talk**

This term we are introducing Camden Kids Talk Stay and Play sessions. These are an opportunity for you to come into Nursery and join in with activities with your child that have a specific communication focus. The dates for these are at the end of this letter. We hope to have lots of you attend these sessions.

### **Healthy Movers**

Healthy Movers is an initiative supported by the Youth Sport Trust. Each week we have a focus game or activity that helps the children develop physical skills and promotes a love of sport and physical exercise. We will have more information on how you can use the available resources at home and a stay and play session on this soon.

### **Supervised Toothbrushing Programme**

A letter will be sent out giving information about this programme this week. We will be asking for permission for your child to join in with this initiative where all the children are encouraged to brush their teeth. Each child will have their own toothbrush and we will have time each day where we all brush our teeth together. This is intended to support toothbrushing at home and will be a fun experience with songs and rhymes. Please look out for this letter and return it asap.

### **P.E.**

P.E sessions will continue with Coach Keeley every Friday afternoon. The children love these sessions and learn lots of games and develop physical skills. We have seen their confidence grow so much over the short time we have been taking part in the sessions.

### **Forest School**

Forest School will resume in the summer term.

### **William Ellis Mentor Programme**

We are lucky to have 4 mentors from William Ellis Secondary School visit us every Monday to support the children. The mentors have settled in well and the children love their visits each week.

## Snacks and lunch

Please continue to remember to send a **named bottle with water** in each day. Fruit snacks will also continue to be given to the children each morning. It's also lovely to see the children beginning to become much more independent during lunch time too. It is a lovely time of the day where the children are becoming more willing to try new foods.

## Clothing

Please encourage your children to dress in clothes that allow for independence in being able to dress and undress themselves. **Unless your child is able to fasten their own shoelaces, shoes with velcro or zips help to support their growing independence.** Due to the nature of early year's education, there will be times when the children may get messy. For this reason, please avoid sending your child to school in special clothing. Additionally, please make sure there is always a change of clothes in school. Please return spare clothes bags if you haven't already done so. Thank you.

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, preferably waterproof, warm coat with a hood, along with a NAMED hat, scarf and gloves.** Gloves on a long **piece of wool or string** are a good way to prevent them from being misplaced.

## Open Hours: 8.50am – 3.20pm

The door is opened at 8.50am to enable a smooth transition at the start of the day, but please ensure your child is in by **9.00am** as we need to do the register promptly and it gives your child time to settle in before we come to the carpet to talk about our learning for the day. Please can you also arrive promptly at **3.20pm** to collect your child. Thank you for your support with this.

## Important Dates – more to follow

- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – Firefighter visit to Nursery
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January – Camden Kids Talk Stay and Play (9-10am)
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January - Nursery Class Tea
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Camden Kids Talk Stay and Play (9-10am)
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February - Half Term Holiday
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Camden Kids Talk Stay and Play (9-10am)
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March - Camden Kids Talk Stay and Play (9-10am)
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Individual Parents Appointments
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Camden Kids Talk Stay and Play (9-10am)
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April - final day 2pm finish

If you have any questions, queries or ideas to share, please don't hesitate to come and speak to me or one of the team.

Thank you for your continued support, we really do appreciate it.

Best wishes

Rebecca