

## Lost Property

We are aware that a number of cardigans, jumpers and hats have been misplaced. Please can you ensure that your child's name is on all items of clothing so that we are able to return as much as possible.

## More information

As you enter the Nursery area there is a parents notice board situated on the right hand wall. Here you will find details of our planning for this half term, the Nursery Class timetable and the contact details for Ofsted.

There are also relevant policies as well as more WOW moments for you to use to let us know what amazing things your little one has been getting up to at home. If you require any further assistance or you would like to discuss planning or any aspect of Nursery, please feel free to speak to Miss Massey before or after school.

## Activities to do at home....

- Play eye spy! Encourage your child to hear and say the initial sounds in words i.e. cat begins with "c" and top begins with "t". Play eye spy to encourage listening for the initial sounds. Eye spy with my little eye, something beginning with.....
- Pretend to be a robot! This encourages children to blend sounds together as they will have to do when they are reading. You could ask your child to pass you a b-oo-k and your child needs to be able to hear the word book. Examples of words which are easy for you to sound out as a robot are: cat, dog, sit, head (h,e,d), chin (ch-i-n), tap
- As well as counting and recognising numbers around the house, at the supermarket and when driving in the car, encourage your child to understand how numbers relate to each other by posing simple number problems i.e. you have got 4 oranges, how many would you have if Mummy ate one? You can then remove one and count the remainder (now you have 3). This works well with one more and one less to 10.

Below are two excellent websites with ideas and activities to support early learning.

They are accessible free of charge.

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk/](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/)

Phonics play is an excellent website with a free section. You can access all manner of phonics games to enhance listening, sound discrimination, rhyme, segmenting (sounding out words) and blending (putting them back together), Most children in the nursery are currently working on phase 1 (rhyme, alliteration, segmenting and blending) but some will benefit from the games at phase 2. Our current cohort particularly love the buried treasure phonics game!

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/>

Top Marks Maths (5-7) has an excellent choice of number games for developing early maths skills such as counting and number recognition.



# Nursery Class

Newsletter Spring 2 2018



**Learning Challenge Question:  
What shall we have for dinner?**

# Welcome Back!

Welcome back!

We hope that you have had a lovely break!

Our learning challenge question this half term is “What shall we have for dinner?” which, as you can imagine, is rather a tasty topic! Please can you ensure that if there are any foods you would rather your child did not take part in tasting, please let Miss Massey know, (vegetarian and diet are always strictly adhered to).

Some of the things we will be tasting are; pizza, jam sandwiches, spaghetti, prawn crackers, poppadoms and chocolate, (this list is not exhaustive—all food tastings will be announced on Dojo before the day).

In the coming weeks, some children will be bringing home reading books. Some will have words in and some will be wordless. There will be an Early Years evening in the coming weeks where we will explain early reading, writing and maths. It is a fun, interactive evening where you get to learn how to help your child to make progress and where we explain reading and phonics strategies. Date TBC.

We also have an open morning next week where we will be listening to a story together, everyone is welcome!



## What shall we have for dinner?

Our learning challenge question this half term is: What shall we have for dinner? We will be exploring lots of different food from lots of different places in the world, tasting it and even having a go at cooking it! The questions for each week are listed below.

1. What would you do if a tiger came to tea?
2. How does Louie eat his dinner?
3. Which is your favourite topping?
4. Where does the chapatti go?
5. What do we eat at Easter?

We will be having some visitors coming into nursery into teach us about different foods and to do some cooking with us.



Our visit this half term is to be confirmed.

Our new role play area is open and the children are very much enjoying “The Leaky Wok” our Chinese restaurant and take away. Thank you to parents who brought in take away menus and chopsticks, it has really helped bring the area to life.

## Curriculum

Our focus in Communication and Language is building the confidence to ask any visitors questions and be able to recall things that they have heard and to expand our vocabulary's now that we are so grown up!



We will continue our daily focused phonics sessions which is proving very successful in supporting progress in phonics. In our writing we will continue to explore writing in a variety of media, securing an effective pencil grip and practicing writing letters. The children will be writing shopping lists so that we know what to buy from the Co-op in order for us to do our cooking.

In our mathematics work, we are continuing to practise counting objects from a larger group and number recognition, as well as solving simple addition and subtraction problems.

In our other areas of learning we will be doing lots of cooking and we will be exploring food in lots of different ways. We will be learning how to use chopsticks, how to make pictures with food and how to use tools safely.

We would like to remind parents that children need wellies in school and a puddle suit to protect their clothing from the mud. Children may have outgrown the ones that they have at the beginning of the year so please can you ensure that they still fit. In the event of snow, we will take the children who have appropriate clothing out in small groups to explore and make snowmen, snow paintings etc.

Children also need to have their full PE kits in school in a labelled PE bag. This includes; black pumps, black shorts and a white t-shirt. Please make sure all items are labelled with your child's name as they are very easy to muddle up.