

## 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, Mrs Rowson or Miss Sireno before or after school.

## Reading

In the coming weeks, some children will be bringing home reading books. Some will have words in and some will be wordless. Wordless books give your child a chance to tell you the story, expanding their incredible imaginations.

## 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 super smoothies 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 2019



**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 special diet are always strictly adhered to).

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

All food days will be announced beforehand (it will usually be every Friday to consolidate the week), we may ask for ingredient donations—please keep an eye on Dojo :)



## 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? (England)
2. Which is your favourite topping? (Italy)
3. Have you seen that escargot? (France)
4. What’s in the wok? (China)
5. Where does the chapatti go? (India)
6. What do we eat at Easter?
7. Reflection



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

Our visit this half term is to Frankie & Benny’s where we will have dinner and experience a real restaurant. The date is TBC.

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 in order for us to do our cooking.

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

In our other areas of learning we will be doing lots of cooking and we will be exploring food in lots of different ways. This includes talking about foods from different countries.

We would like to remind parents that children need wellies in school at all times.

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, especially as we will be getting fully changed soon!