

# Nursery Autumn Term 2nd Half Term Newsletter

## Nursery staff

Class Teacher Mrs O'Brien  
Nursery Nurse Mrs Small  
Learning Support Assistant  
Miss Cotton

## Experiences

On Wednesday 8th November we will have our WOW experience. We are going to be explorers for the morning! The children will work in small groups to follow a map around the school grounds. The children will make binoculars and telescopes to take on our adventure to help us look for signs of Autumn. The children will all have the opportunity to take photos with the Ipad of the exciting things we see on our journey. Please remember to send your child in with a small rucksack and a small teddy ready to take on our journey.



As we get nearer to Christmas the children will begin to learn songs for our Christmas nativity. The nativity performance will be held on Friday 8th December in the morning.

## Our topic this half term is Can we explore it?

This half term's topic encourages the children's natural curiosity about the world around them. We will be exploring our school grounds, making maps and plans, looking at atlases and globes and learning about different types of transport. Each week we will focus on sharing and acting out a different bear story, including we are going on a bear hunt, whatever next, the three bears and peace at last.

Our role play area will have a 'bear cave' theme which will be added to, developed and adapted according to the children's interests, play and preferences.



We actively encourage parental involvement in your child's learning both at school and at home. We will use the information you give us to support your child in school and understand their development as a whole. Your contribution will also be put into your child's personal learning journey which is kept throughout their time in the Early Years.

## Reading

Your child will be able to choose a book from the library every Wednesday. These are for your child and yourselves to enjoy together, we do not expect your child to read it themselves. Please ensure your library books are returned the following week so we can change them.

We would appreciate it if you could teach your child to look after books and treat them with respect. We will ask parents/carers to pay a donation for any books that come back to school damaged or written on.

## Phonics

In Nursery we use 'Letters and Sounds' along with 'Jolly Phonics'. During the Autumn Term we will be following Phase 1 of the letters and sounds programme. This involves sharing rhyming stories, singing nursery rhymes, listening games and nature walks.



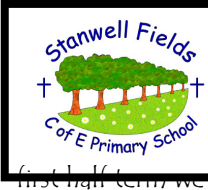
## Home/School contact book

We ask that you stay in contact through your child's contact book. In these you can write messages to us and when you read with your child any comments about how they read. You can email me on [caterpillars@stanwellfields.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:caterpillars@stanwellfields.surrey.sch.uk)

Mrs O'Brien is also available at the end of each Nursery session if there is anything important you wish to discuss.

On Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th November we have parent consultations. Please sign up for a time slot outside the classroom door.





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## Behaviour

We have an Assertive Discipline Behaviour Policy at Stanwell Fields called 'Stay on the sun' which states the expectations of a child's behaviour and the rewards that will be given throughout the school day. Our school rule is respect and we expect all children, parents and staff to show this to each other and property.



## Good News Tree

Please remember to write your child's achievements on the apples we have sent home. These will then be placed on our good news tree in our nursery entrance. The children always show a sense of pride when their efforts have been recognized and this helps develop their self esteem.



## Water bottles

Please send your child to school with a named clear plastic water bottle. The children can drink from these throughout the day. Please ensure you only put plain water in them. Thank you!

## Maths

In Nursery we will learn to count, recognise and use numbers through play, number rhymes and stories. We will be learning about shapes and patterns in the world around us. We will be practicing counting aloud to 10 and beyond and recognising numbers to 5 and then 10. Next week we will be having a number hunt in the nursery garden. Please help your child look for numbers on the way home, around the house or when you are at the shops. It will help your child to understand numbers are everywhere



## Saying goodbye at the door

Well done to all the children that have been coming into nursery on their own in the mornings. We are always encouraging the children to be as independent as possible. It would be a fantastic help if you help your child practise taking their coat on and off by themselves at home. Thank you



## Donations for the mud kitchen

We are very lucky to have a brand new mud kitchen for the children to play with in the outdoor area. The children are having great fun making mud pies, cakes, bread and many other interesting creations. If you have any old pots or pans, jugs, mixing bowls, plastic plates, cups or utensils that you no longer need we would love them for our mud kitchen.

