



Nursery Spring Term 2nd Half Term Newsletter

Welcome Back!

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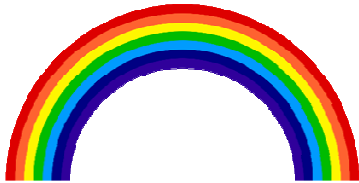
Experiences

Colour mixing madness!

On Monday 26th February we will be having our WOW day.

On this day we would like the children to come to nursery in multi coloured clothing. The more colours the better as this will be a great talking point for the start of our day.

During our morning session the children will work together to create a large scale piece of artwork. We will use a range of media including paints, chalks, crayons and coloured papers to create a giant rainbow. We will learn about which colours are in a rainbow and the order they appear. How many colours are in a rainbow?



Our topic this half term is

How many colours in a rainbow?

This half term we are going to be learning about colour.



The children will learn to recognise colours and will explore what happens when we mix 2 or more colours together. We will find out about the primary colours and investigate how to make colours lighter and darker. We will learn about famous artists such as Monet and Kandinsky and create our own art work in their styles. We will look at colours, shapes and patterns in our environment and in the world around us. With the beginning of Spring we will be able to look for colours in flowers, plants and trees.

As Easter approaches we will be thinking about the meaning of Easter and why Christians celebrate it. We will look at colours and patterns on Easter eggs and make Easter card



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.

Phonics

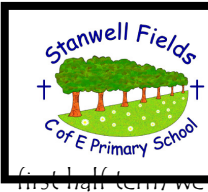
In Nursery we use 'Letters and Sounds' along with 'Jolly Phonics'. This term we will be revising the sounds learnt last half term and learning the following new sounds

n, m, d, g, o, ck



Each week the children will learn the name of a new letter and the sound it makes. We will think about objects that begin with each sound and will play games to reinforce this. I spy is a great game to play at home to help children think about the first sound in a word.

The children are learning how to write their names. We will find daily opportunities for the children to practise this at nursery. Please help your child at home by encouraging them to write their name on birthday cards, invitations or thank you letters. Can they write their name in the air or with a piece of chalk on the patio? Remember to encourage your child to hold their pencil correctly.



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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. This term we will be sending home our rainbow awards !



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. Encourage your child to look at the pictures and talk about them.

Let your child be the storyteller. Can they 'read' the pictures to you and talk about what's happening on the page? Make animal noises or add sound effects to bring the story to life and remember to ask questions when your reading together such as how do you think the characters feel? What can you see on this page?

Please ensure your library books are returned the following week so we can change them regularly. 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.



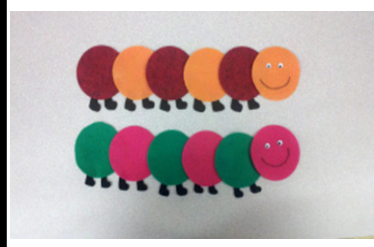
Water bottles

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 cold plain water in them. Thank you!

Maths

We will be practising counting and ordering numbers up to 20. Help your child to recognise numbers on the way home or around the house. What numbers can you find in your home? Are there any numbers in your car? Find opportunities to count aloud with your child. Counting fruit in the fruit bowl, cars in the toy box and shoes by the door will all help!

Each week we will focus on a different 2D shape. We will name the shapes and learn vocabulary to help us describe the shapes. Can you go on a shape hunt at home? What shapes can you see? How many corners or sides does each shape have?



This half term we will be looking at patterns. We will find patterns in our environment and look at patterns in nature. The children will practise creating their own patterns with colour, sounds and toys.

This half terms value is 'forgiveness'.



Through stories we will learn the importance of saying sorry and forgiving one another.

Good News Tree

Please remember to keep writing your child's achievements on the apples we have sent home.



Saying goodbye at the door

Please say goodbye to your child at the nursery door. This is very good for their independence and confidence and will help to prepare them for starting school in September.

If you have borrowed any clothing from nursery please could you return it as soon as possible. We would appreciate any donations of unwanted socks and underwear.

Thank you for your continued support. If you were unable to make parents evening last half term please see Mrs. O'Brien to make an appointment in the next week. It is a wonderful opportunity to look at you child's learning journey and discuss the next steps in their learning.