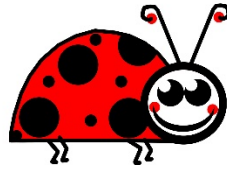


Stepps Primary Nursery Class

2015-2016



Newsletter Term 3



Christmas and New Year seem like distant memories now. We are delighted that the children have thrown themselves back into Nursery life and our new starts are settling in well. Although it's been a long, cold, rainy January, we've been having lots of fun in Nursery.



Exploring events and characters in stories



Caring for babies



Tae Kwon-do Tigers in action





Shape investigation



Role play in the home corner



Our January/February planner is already on display in the foyer and has been uploaded onto the Nursery blog but for those of you that haven't had an opportunity to view it, here is a rundown of the areas the children will be covering:

- Shape (2D, 3D and property investigation)
- Playing together well and following the routines of the nursery
- Chinese New Year (traditions and customs)
- Letters/Rhymes



Online Learning Journals

Thank you for returning the online learning journals questionnaire. Mrs Garvie will address any technology issues before her departure e.g. sending out new passwords, logging parents onto the system. If you have any other queries, please speak with your child's keyworker and they will help you. The journals are updated regularly so please log on as often as you can. There is also an opportunity for you to add your comments/thoughts.



Health

Mrs Garvie has been busy with her health initiative since late Autumn. As well as organising outside bodies to come in and develop the children's movement skills through Yoga, Tae Kwon-do and Enjoy-a-ball, the children have also had opportunities to take part in fruit tasting sessions and recently Big Chef, Little Chef workshops. Small groups of children have also been taking part in discussion activities relating to mental and emotional health and friendships. All children will get the opportunity to take part in these activities before the end of the session. During term 4, Astars will also come into the nursery to deliver a short 5 week programme to the children in the gym hall. Adventure Ted has also started up again. Each child will get the opportunity to take Adventure Ted home for one week and return it with some photographs and a short diary entry to share with their friends.



Big Chef, Little Chef





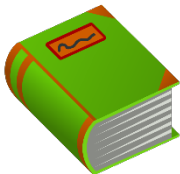
Open Day

Our next Nursery Open day will be on Tuesday 1st March 2016. The Open day will start at 11.20am for the morning session and 2.30pm for the afternoon session. This will provide an opportunity to come and see your child at work and have fun playing alongside them. A letter detailing times will be issued shortly.



ABC Music

The children will be visited by the coordinators of ABC music on Monday 15th February. The children will be engaged in music sessions with the instructors, using the ABC music bags, ABC website and ABC apps. Mrs Young continues to take our music programme in the Nursery forward using both the ABC materials and the Kodaly music resource. Please have a look at the music display in the foyer where you will see photographs of the children engaged and focused in Mrs Young's sessions.



Three Read

Miss McGuire continues to deliver the Three Read programme, where small groups of children listen to a new story and discuss the big problem, characters, setting and events within the story. All children will take part in this programme before the end of the session.



Nursery Staffing

As you are aware, Mrs Garvie leaves on Friday 5th February to start her new post at Cambusnethan Primary School. While she is looking forward to starting her new post, she is very sad to leave the Nursery after so many years working closely with both the children and families in Steps.



Parents Committee

Mrs Reid is due to hold her first Parents Committee meeting in the next few weeks. The Committee will be organising some exciting events for the children to take part in during term 4.

Highlights from Term 2



Halloween Party Fun



Yoga



A visit from the Germ Buster



Festive Fun at the Christmas Party

Reminders



Nursery Hours

Our morning session starts at 8.40am and finishes at 11.50am and our afternoon session starts at 1.00pm and finishes at 4.10pm. Please note, these times are flexible to accommodate parents as much as possible. During the morning session, drop off is between 8.40am and 9.10am and during the afternoon session, your child may be collected between 3.00pm and 3.15pm or 3.45pm and 4.10pm. If you have any questions, please ask a member of staff.



Collection Procedures

Please remember that we are only able to hand over children to authorised adults. If you wish someone else to collect your child, you must inform a member of staff, either in person or by telephone.



Donation

Your weekly donation of £2.00 helps us to purchase a varied and exciting snack for your child but as always your donations to the snack table, particularly fruit are more than welcome.



Dates for the diary!

Nursery Enterprise - Friday 5th February

February Break - School closes on Friday 5th February and re-opens on Thursday 11th February.

Open Day - Tuesday 1st March