



Whitelees Nursery Class Newsletter Oct 2023



WELCOME

Last term we welcomed many new children into our Wee Whitelees Nursery Class. It has been lovely to see our returning children support and role model nursery routines to our newest learners. Our children have settled well and we continue to support their health and wellbeing as they navigate the start of their learning journey.

This is all new for most of our children and they will continue to be encouraged and supported to develop essential skills e.g. sharing, friendship, kindness and caring in their day and play.

RHYME & STORIES

Rhyming & reading helps children improve their oral language and communication skills, improves attention span and develops essential talking and listening skills.

At group time we enjoy listening to songs, stories and rhymes and practise these daily. We choose these based on the interests and needs of the children to support their learning and development.

Our children have also been learning about their Rights and are a song about having the right to play, be safe and learn.

LITERACY FOCUS

We will also be undertaking initiatives to support Literacy development within the nursery including: 3 Read and Language Land.

PLP's & Folders

All adults have now taken part in our PLP meetings. It has been lovely to have you in the nursery and have the chance to get to know you and find out more about your child.

Following the October break we will begin to carry out focus observations. These observations will be focused on your child's PLP targets unless you wish for there to be a focus on another area for development. Please get in touch if you would like to discuss this further.

Observations will be completed and placed in your child's special folder. Special folders are accessible at all times for you to look at within the nursery. During the focus week these will be sent home for you to see the progress your child has been making.

Floor books are available to be viewed in the morning at drop off to allow you to see what learning has been taking place in the nursery. Please speak to a member of staff if you would like to discuss this further.

EVENTS

Tour De Wee Whitelees

This term the children will take part in a sponsor event to raise funds to support your child's experience in the nursery. The funds will be used to cover the costs of Christmas party, gifts, decorations, treats and buy resources to enhance the learning environment. Children will take part in a cycling event and all bikes/helmets will be provided through the Play on Pedals initiative.

We are looking forward to all the Christmas festivities in Wee Whitelees. Please see below dates for your diary.

Sing a Long

Children will take part in a Christmas Sing a Long. This will take place at 9:30-10:00am approx. Children can wear something 'Christmassy' or whatever they feel comfortable in.

PARENT EVENTS

This term we aim to invite the parents in to take part in a learning activity with their child. As we approach the winter months we will be making bird feeders to be placed in our nature garden. We will organise one group per day from 2:00-2:30pm. If you are unable to attend your child will still participate and will be supported by their keyworker.

More information can be found in the home learning pack. We hope that you are enjoying taking part in these. Please feel free to Tweet all the amazing learning taking place.

No adult should arrive before 2:00pm as the office is closed for lunch at this time and you will be unable to enter the school.

CELEBRATION FUND

We kindly remind you that a suggested donation of £2.50 per week can be made to the nursery. These funds are essential to allow us to provide your child with additional items of healthy snack, baking activities as well as enhancing learning experiences within the nursery including: Halloween and Christmas treats, decorations and gifts and parent events.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27 th Oct	Halloween Party
13 th Nov	Staff In-Service day (children do not attend)
w.b 14 th Nov	Tour De Wee Whitelee
17 th Nov	Children in Need/crazy hair day
20 th -23 rd Nov	Parent Bird Feeder Event (See group day)
25 th Nov	Christmas Fayre
30 th Nov	St Andrews Day – Wear tartan
15 th Dec	Nursery Sing a long/Lunch
18 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day/Panto
22 nd Dec	Christmas Party/Sparkle Day
22 nd Dec	School closes 2:30pm

*** These dates may be subject to change***

SKILLS AT HOME

At Wee Whitelees we continually foster independence skills in our children. This term we will be focusing on developing these skills as the weather begins to change.

We will encourage your child to wrap up warm, put on their hat, scarf and gloves and be able to identify ways to appropriately dress in the winter months.

Please encourage your child to do this at home too.

AT HOME LEARNING

- Autumn Walk
- Autumn Walk/Art
- Rhyme/Stories
- Show Songs
- Getting ready independently
- Helping to prepare food/snacks