



Dear Parent/Carer,

Nursery is in full swing after the Christmas break. We would like to welcome our new student from West Lothian College, Caren Hay who will be with us on a Monday and Tuesday until 10<sup>th</sup> May.

The Care Inspectorate visited the nursery last Monday and we are delighted to inform you that the findings were very positive. We will provide you with further information when the report is published.

As part of developing your child's health and well-being we are working hard with all children to develop their self-help skills such as wiping their own noses and changing their own shoes and coats. Well done to those who have mastered these already and would ask that you continue to encourage your child to develop these key skills at home. On a side note we would be very grateful if you could encourage your child to leave their toys at home unless they have a special reason to show and tell. Thanks in advance for your support.

Fiona Barber  
Nursery Teacher

## English & Literacy



Regular weekly activities include:

- Adventure Ted reports
- Nursery Rhyme lending bag
- Lending library
- Daily signing into nursery with a focus on the letters of our names and looking at the names of our friends for those who are ready for this.
- Introduction of word mats at the writing table to provide vocabulary linked to the children's interests such as Hospital Play and the Big Bird Watch.
- Rhyming box with pictures of three items, two of which rhyme. These are changed daily.
- Daily story reading

## Maths & Numeracy



Ongoing activities in numeracy include:

- Games and activities which look at dotty patterns (the patterns on a dice) and finger patterns
- Focus on numerals from 1-10 and above as appropriate.
- Vocabulary of 2D shape such as square, rectangle, triangle, circle, star.
- Vocabulary of 3D shape such as cylinder, cuboid, cube.
- Measure including height chart .

You are invited to attend a curriculum evening on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm** to find out how you can develop early numeracy skills with your child.

## Children's Interests.

During the month of January the children have been very interested in the birds which they have spotted in the school grounds. We are developing a floor book which includes information that the children wish to learn about birds such as:

- What do birds eat?
- Why do some birds fly away in the Winter?
- How do birds fly?

Hospital Play has also been of great interest with the children learning about the importance of healthy eating, washing our hands and the people who help us in the Health Centre. Visits from Billy Daly, our Community Nurse and Rosie's mum who works in Special Care have widened our knowledge of Health Professionals.

## Additional Information

- Book Bag Lending will be starting week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> February. Please see the notice on the cloakroom door.
- Daily tooth brushing has commenced during the nursery sessions.
- For Enjoy-a-Ball sessions this term we have split the children into Ante-Preschool and Pre-school groups. This is to allow differentiation of the curriculum.

## Planned Activities

- Mrs Barber has started to use the National Youth Choir resources with the children alternating with Enjoy-a-Ball sessions.
- Chinese New Year (in February)
- Pop in and Play ( week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> February)
- Mothering Sunday Tea Party

## Homework

Big Garden Bird Watch

Please see separate sheet.

