

Nursery Learning Letter: Term 2



Dear Parent/Carer,

November 2016

Welcome to Term 2 in Mid Calder Nursery. We had a busy first term, getting to know each other and making new friends. The children created their own pizza shop, 'Pizza World'. They managed the shop, took orders, made menus and even cooked their own pizzas. We hope you all enjoyed them! We enjoyed our Autumn walk to Calder Wood. It was exciting to watch the children learn in the local environment and fantastic for the staff to observe the knowledge the children shared about their surrounding area. This term the children are continuing to show an interest in the building of our new nursery. We will build on this topic and plan our learning from the ideas of the children.

Planning

Our nursery Floor book is also on display in the entrance hall. Please feel free to flick through this and look at the comments the children have made. We use the floor book alongside quality observations to take our planning forward. The children have shown a huge interest in the materials used on building sites and the story of the Three Little Pigs, therefore this is the direction our planning has taken us this term. Our consultative planner is displayed in the entrance hall. We would love to hear what you think or whether you have anything you can add to our planning, so please add your own ideas to this, note down any activities that you have completed at home with your child that links to the aspect of learning or talk to one of the nursery team if you think you could help in any way.

Consultative Planner – The 3 Little Pigs Possible Lines of Development (PLODS)

Outdoor learning

Continue to offer a variety of building materials – bricks, mud, twigs etc. Mix sand, mud and water together to create "cement".
Talk to the builders – look at the materials, name them, feel them and use them.

Explore what materials are best suited to build with? Why? Describe the materials – look, feel

Go for a walk round site with builders

Ask builders in to the nursery to talk to children

Explore different materials in and about the nursery

Role play

Three Little Pigs story through Role play – alternative endings

Small world/ manipulatives

Offer sticks, small bricks and straw. Use 3 pig small characters. Offer blu tac/playdough – what structure is strongest? Investigate the properties of different materials.

Explore descriptive language for properties of materials.

Craft table

Creating characters/ masks, Using different materials for collage, creating 3 pigs scene, sorting and sticking 'Will the wind blow it?'

Writing/Mark making

Making marks using different materials – what ones are better to write with/paint with? Why?

Create their own 3 little pigs stories – can they retell the main events?

ICT

Explore video and audio versions of the story.

3 Little Pigs Ipad apps



Nursery Rhyme Week

We have been taking part in the Nursery Rhyme Week challenge.

We have been learning the following nursery rhymes.

Monday 7th November – "Doctor Foster".

Tuesday 8th November – "Baa Baa Black Sheep".

Wednesday 9th November – "Two Little Dickie Birds".

Thursday 10th November – "Incy Wincy Spider".

Friday 11th November – "Hey Diddle Diddle".



Nursery rhymes play an important role in early childhood by helping children master key skills such as language and communication and social, physical and emotional skills. Nursery rhymes usually tell a story with a beginning, middle and an end. This teaches children that events happen in sequence, and they begin to learn how to understand stories and follow along. Nursery rhymes use patterns and sequence, so children begin to learn simple math skills as they recite them. Many rhymes also use numbers, counting, and other math words that children need to learn. It would be great if you could support your child by reciting rhymes at home.

Online Learning Journeys



The login details have been sent out for the children's online Learner's Journeys. If you have registered but not received the email, please check your junk folder or speak to a member of staff. If you have not yet registered please let us know and we will help you to get started.

The feedback so far from parents has been very positive. They are happy to be able to see photos and read about what skills their child has been developing. We would encourage you to look at the online journal with your child and leave feedback.

Nursery Hours

AM Core Hours:-

Mon-Thurs 8.40am until 11.10am

Friday 8.40am until 11.25am

Extended Hours:

Breakfast Club – 8.05am – 8.40am

After Nursery Friday 11.25 – 11.33am

PM Core Hours:-

Mon-Thurs 11.55am until 3.05pm

Extended Hours:

After Nursery 3.05pm – 3.50pm

Dates for your Diary

Pop in and Play

Thursday 24th November: -

10am – 11am

1.30pm – 2.30pm

Nativity

Thursday 8th December

9.30am and 2.15pm

Party

Tuesday 20th December

End of term

Wednesday 21st December



Clothing

Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing and footwear for both indoor and outdoor play over our Autumn/Winter term. Please also mark your child's clothing with their name.

Snack

Remember to mark off on the register that you have paid your snack money. This can be paid weekly (£1) or in blocks.