

Nursery Learning Letter: Term 3



Dear Parent/Carer,

January 2017

Welcome to Term 3 in Mid Calder Nursery. We had a very busy time in Term 2, looking at different materials and how we could use them to build and using vocabulary such as hard, soft, rough and smooth. We participated in several science experiments, where we investigated how a car would move down a ramp when travelling on different surfaces and we also looked at the changes in ice as it freezes and melts again in changing environments. We loved the excitement in the run up to Christmas and enjoyed sharing this special time with your children. The children enjoyed taking part in a variety of Christmas activities and we hope you agree, performed brilliantly at their Christmas show. This term as part of the school Burns celebrations the children are learning "Wee Willie Winkie" in Scots. The children are working hard to learn this and will be sharing it with the other children in the school. Please help your child to learn this poem. A copy can be found on the school blog. [Please feel free to wear some Tartan to nursery on 25th January.](#)

Kind regards, Mrs Murray, Mrs Diamond, Mrs Aikman and Mrs Findlay.

Key Learning: Superheroes

The children have been very excited by our new topic on Superheroes. As well as fictional superheroes, we will be learning about real life heroes. These include the lollipop person, police officers, fire fighters and ambulance crews. We are hoping that we will be able to have a visit or two from our real life superheroes.

The children have been involved in discussion about what makes a superhero and how they could be a nursery super hero, demonstrating the school values. They have taken part in role play, with dressing up and mask making being very popular.

Consultative Planner - Possible Lines of Development (PLODS)

Outdoor learning - Build caves/dens/ shelters for emergency vehicles Add labels to vehicles (ambulance etc) Dress up clothes and tabards outdoor

Role play - Initially put out a limited choice of 'hero' outfits – police hat/cape/ nurse/ fire fighter. Monitor and add to this as the topic develops

House corner – who are your heroes at home? Superhero Headquarters!

Small world/ manipulatives - Betty Spaghetti dolls to create hero characters. Popoid available for character making. People who help us jigsaws

Craft table - Make masks, Make wings, Junk emergency vehicles, Finger printing identity cards

Writing/Mark making - Opportunities to write stories about the characters they create. Have examples of familiar text linked to signs in the surrounding area (police station, ambulance, hospital)

ICT - Watch clips of heroes in action Use comic life/purple mash to create comic stories using their hero characters

Other - Read Superhero stories. (Supertato). Invite visitors in to speak to children. Have a variety of books on display/available to read. Read other People who help us 'books.

Learner's Journeys

As you are aware, we are tracking the children's journey through nursery through the Learner's Journals. We aim to record the significant learning moments that your child has with us in the nursery. There are also times, for example when Santa visited the Christmas party, where we add a photo you your child's gallery without a full observation. We hope that you find these observations and photos helpful. You can share your feedback with us through the journal sight by adding a comment to any observation.

Making Our Learning Visible

View our blog posts on <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/mcps/>

The Learner's Journals can be found on:-

<https://midcalder.yourlearningjournals.co.uk/Login.aspx>

We add to them regularly, so make sure you check for updates.

Please add your comments to the blog and the journals as we love to hear your feedback.

As part of our Winter Ready work we are asking all parents to comment on the "Wee Willie Winkie" post on the blog. Your child will get a sticker when we see your comment. The children are keen to do this and enjoy checking the blog regularly to see who has posted.

We put a copy of our plan on display in the cloakroom. We value your input and there are post-it notes for this

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

PSA Movie Night Thursday 2nd February

'Dress up day' PM group Thursday 2nd

February AM group Friday 3rd February

Holidays 10th – 14th February

Pupils resume Wednesday 15th February

Curriculum open day Tuesday 21st February

World Book Day Thursday 2nd March

PSA Family Night Friday 3rd March

Holidays 31st March – 17th April

Pupils resume Tuesday 18th April

Helpers

We are looking for parents, grandparents and carers to come in to the nursery to help and support the children and staff in a variety of tasks. Please look out for the sign-up sheet in the cloakroom and note down any sessions you are available.

Snack

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