

Nursery Learning Letter: Term 2



Dear Parent/Carer,

October 2017

Welcome to Term 2 in Mid Calder Nursery. We had a busy first term, getting to know each other, making new friends and enjoying our new building. We learned new routines, both inside and outside the nursery. The children risk assessed each area themselves and decided how they could play safely and learn successfully. We learned more about what we could do in each area and how we could use the new resources. The children and staff also talked a lot about what values we aimed to live by in the nursery and we created our nursery charter. This helped us during our first planner about friendship. We have all been showing qualities of a good friend, listening well, being kind and caring and sharing our space and resources with others.

Mrs Murray, Mrs Aikman, Mrs Murphy, Mrs Williamson and Mrs Findlay.

Planning

Our consultative planner and floor books are on display in the entrance hall. We use the floor book alongside quality observations to take our planning forward. We would love to hear what you think or whether you have any ideas to enhance 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 can help in any way.

Christmas Parties – Thursday 21st December

Parents are welcome to come to the party to meet our special guest!

am – Parents arrive at school hall at 10.30am

pm – Parents arrive at the school hall at 2.30pm

Full day children – If your child does not attend on a Thursday, please let the nursery know what party they would like to join.

Nursery Rhyme Week

We will be taking part in the Nursery Rhyme Week challenge again this year. We will be learning the following nursery rhymes and participating in activities relating to them.

Monday 13th November – “Bobby Shafto”.

Tuesday 14th November – “Lavender’s Blue”.

Wednesday 15th November – “Hickory Dickory Dock”.

Thursday 16th November – “Wind the Bobbin Up”.

Friday 17th November – “Old King Cole”.

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.

Christmas Nativity

Wednesday 20th December – 10.15am

This year we will have one nativity performance. All children (am, pm and all full day) are invited to perform in this event.

Two guests are permitted per child.

Ticket price - £1



Halloween

Please note that the children can dress up to celebrate Halloween on Tuesday 31st October.



Online Learning Journeys

Our Online Learning Journeys are up and running again this year and every child has at least one quality observation uploaded. Please try to look at your child’s learning with them, encouraging them to talk about the activity they have participated in. You can also upload any achievements your child has at home in the iachieve section. We can then share this information with their friends in the nursery.

Please look out for ‘Our Big Family Read’ that is launching early next month.

Nursery Pop in and Play

Tuesday 21st November: -
9.30am -10.30am

Wednesday 22nd November: -
9.30am – 10.30am
1.30pm – 2.30pm

Please note that full day children who do not attend nursery on a Tuesday or Wednesday, are welcome to come with their parents for one of these sessions. Please let the nursery team know if you wish to do this.

Dates for your Diary

School Photos

Monday 27th November – if full day children would like their photo taken, please organise a time slot to attend with the nursery staff. Thank you.

End of term

Friday 22nd 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 and footwear with their name.

Snack

Please remember to pay for snack on ipay or at the school office. Please let us know if you don’t have an ipay login.