

Murrayfield Nursery Class

September 2016

The children have all settled well into the nursery since returning from their summer break, including our new children who have been making friends and exploring the learning that the nursery has to offer. The online learners journey will be used again this year with observations recorded over a 4 week period. On the observations you will see the date that the observation was taken and a time. Please note that the time will reflect when the observation is recorded not when it happened. Summaries will also be added to your child's journal at three points in the session. We are introducing a new planning format where the children are consulted in leading their learning through floor book planners. There will be opportunities for you to add your comments to the plans and see the learning going on in the nursery.

Homework

Like the children in the school your child will be given talking homework to complete with you on a given subject related to their learning in the nursery. Talking with your child about the subject will help deepen their understanding and will support them with discussing their ideas in the nursery.

At the nursery gate you will find a basket of maths homework cards. Please borrow one to use with your child. Each card has simple maths challenges that you can do with objects in your home. Please return the cards when you are finished with them.

School Blog

Please check the school blog weekly for updates from the nursery and school. You can access the blog by typing "Murrayfield School Blog" into your search engine.

Wet Weather

As the weather changes please make sure that your child comes to nursery with a waterproof jacket and suitable footwear. We will be using the outdoor area daily in all weathers.

Giving the children opportunities to explore the outdoors in different weathers is an important part of their learning.



Clothing

Please make sure that your children's clothing is labelled and they know which outdoor shoes they are wearing each day and where they are.

Can you help?

Parent Helpers

If you are available to help in the nursery please speak to a member of the nursery team. We are looking for help with organising story sacks, lending library and preparing art materials.

Junk Modelling

We are looking for kitchen towel tubes, cereal boxes, clean yoghurt pots and milk carton lids if you have any.

Natural materials

If you are walking in the woods with your child we are looking for conkers, acorns and pine cones.

If you are strolling along the beach we would love pieces of drift wood and smooth medium sized stones.

Any old bricks, plastic tubing, roof tiles and bamboo sticks would be welcome to furnish our bug hotel.

Dates for your Diary

(Please note these dates may be subject to change in unavoidable circumstances)

Stay and Play sessions Mon – Thurs

Sign up in the nursery cloakroom to stay and play with your child for an hour one day during the week.

Week beginning - 26th September 2016

- 7th November 2016

- 23rd January 2017

Keygroup local visits

We require an adult to accompany your child for our community visits.

Week beginning – 21st November - Visit to the library

Red group – Monday 21st November am session 10am and pm session 1.30pm

Yellow group – Tuesday 22nd November am session 10am

Green group – Wednesday 23rd November am session 10am and pm session 1.30pm

Blue group – Thursday 24th November am session 10am and pm session 1.30pm

Week beginning – 6th March 2017 – visit to local shops

Red group – Monday 6th March am session 9.30am and pm session 1.30pm

Yellow group – Tuesday 7th March am session 9.30am

Green group – Wednesday 8th March am session 9.30am and pm session 1.30pm

Blue group – Thursday 9th March am session 9.30am and pm session 1.30pm

Christmas Events

Mousetale puppets – Wednesday 30th November

Nursery Christmas concert – Thursday 8th December

Christmas Party – Wednesday 21st December (last day)

Parent consultations

Settling in consultations drop in - Thursday 6th October 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Pre – school parent consultations – Thursday 23rd March (times will be issued nearer the time)

Ante-preschool parent consultations drop ins – Friday 24th March 12pm – 12.45pm

Assemblies

Morning session – Friday 3rd February 2017 at 9.15am

Afternoon session – Thursday 10th February 2017 at 2.30pm

Holidays/Inservice days

Monday 19th September - holiday

Tuesday 20th September – inservice

October holiday– 17th October (all break) – 25th October (pupils return)

Christmas Holidays – 21st December (all break) – 4th January (all return)