

**Streatham Wells Nursery  
Newsletter  
September 2019**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin by welcoming all new parents/carers and children to the Streatham Wells Primary School, Nursery class.

Below is a brief outline of the curriculum to be covered in the Nursery this half term. Our topic is: '**All about me**'.

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

This half term is a 'settling in' period for many of the children in the nursery and for some this will be a challenging experience. Our aim in this first half term is to ensure that all children feel positive about their separation from home and that they develop a sense of belonging. Throughout this first half term, the children will be learning to follow the routines within the nursery and to access resources independently.

**You can help your child at home by:**

- talking to your child about the Nursery and what they enjoy doing there
- encouraging your child to make their own choices at home and to express preferences

**Communication and Language**

We are going to focus on listening and enjoying rhythmic patterns in rhymes and stories and understanding simple sentences and instructions. The children will be extending their vocabulary and learning the names of the different areas in class, fruits, parts of the body, senses and feelings.

**Literacy**

This half term we will be sharing both fiction and non-fiction books on a range of topics. Our daily story time will provide the children with opportunities to talk about books, discuss characters and predict story endings. The children will also be encouraged to join in with familiar nursery rhymes and songs. The importance of listening when others speak will also be a focus this half term.

**You can help your child at home by:**

- enjoying books together
- encouraging them to look closely at the pictures and talk about them
- encouraging them to talk about aspects of the story that they enjoyed

**Mathematics**

This half term we will be singing familiar number rhymes and songs in a daily number session. Number and shape will also be a focus in the mathematics area of the Nursery.

**You can help your child at home by:**

- encouraging them to recognise numbers in their environment e.g. on a door, when shopping, on the front of a bus
- encouraging your child to think about the size of objects in their environment

- counting objects at home and using their fingers to represent different amounts

### **Understanding the world**

This half term the children will be exploring and investigating their surroundings, both inside and out. The children will be encouraged to talk about and play with a variety of objects that have similar or different properties. The children will also have opportunities to use a range of construction materials containing a variety of shapes, sizes and ways of joining. The nursery computer will be available at all times for the children to familiarise themselves with a wide range of games and activities.

### **Physical Development**

The focus for this half term is to play near and with others safely and to negotiate appropriate pathways when moving around the nursery. The children will have a Yoga session once a week in the main school hall on a Friday morning. In our outdoor space, the children will be encouraged to discover all the features of our lovely climbing wall, slide, tunnel, mud kitchen and garden. We have a variety of bikes and scooters and the children will have opportunities to run and play games in the sports cage.

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

This half term we will be looking to develop the children's confidence in dance, ring games and action rhymes and to build up a repertoire of known songs. This will be done through daily singing sessions and incorporated in our weekly movement sessions. The children will also have opportunities to draw and paint both indoors and outside and collect natural objects to create transitional art. We have selection of percussion instruments and the children will listen to and compose their own experimental music.

#### **❖ BIRTHDAYS**

If it is your child's birthday, we would like to celebrate the occasion in the Nursery, although in line with our healthy school status, we are not able to give out sweets or cakes. We thank you for your support and understanding.

#### **❖ NEEDED**

If you have any of the following that you no longer need, we would be grateful to receive them in the Nursery:

Boxes of any size or material (egg boxes, cereal boxes, plastic pots, milk bottles and lids.), old cards, newspaper, buttons, wool, fabric, ribbon, beads etc.

#### **❖ MUD KITCHEN**

Our recent addition to our outdoor learning environment is the 'Mud Kitchen' where children can get involved in messy play, which forms a crucial part of their development. If you have in your house old kitchen utensils, sieves, pots, trays etc. that you do not use any more we would be happy to have them.

#### **❖ VOLUNTEERS**

In the Nursery we recognise and greatly value the skills and experience of all parents/carers. If you would like to help out in the Nursery in some way we would like to hear from you. Previous volunteers have, for example, helped reading books with children, did cooking/baking activities and made art displays.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask Bunmi, Maria or myself

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