

NURSERY NEWSLETTER

Summer Term April 2024

Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter Break and that the children are ready for all of their exciting activities this term. This newsletter will give you some information regarding your child's learning for the new term. We would love to hear about what your child gets up to at home and anything you are proud of them for. You can send in comments and photos marked for Miss Browne's attention to the school office email:office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk.

Our Learning This Term:

Our theme this half term will be **What's hiding under there? (Minibeasts)**. We will be reading a storybook each week related to a different minibeast. We will find out about these minibeasts, their physical features, how they move and the important role they play in their habitats. We will share the classes' learning with you each week via the school website's "news page" and via Google Classroom. Please do take time to talk with your child about what they have been learning each day. Full details of our weekly learning are on the other side of this sheet.

Times of the Nursery day:

Nursery sessions run from **9am-12noon**. To help your child settle effectively please ensure that you arrive at school on time. The gate is open from 8.45am.

Drinks and Snacks:

Children are provided with fruit and milk at Nursery. Milk is free for nursery children but **don't forget you need to pre-order it via** <u>Cool Milk</u> website. Please also send in a <u>water bottle</u> labelled with your child's name, these will be sent home daily for washing. Please do not send your child in with any drink other than water and do not send in any additional snacks.

PE:

PE sessions will take place each Tuesday morning from this week. Children <u>will not</u> need a PE kit but please send them in wearing trainers on that day. *Please note any child wearing earrings* (including studs) will not be able to take part in PE lessons.

Home Learning Tasks:

Each week we will set a task related to the learning we are doing at school for you to complete with your child at home. Tasks are set on Friday morning and are due by 9am the following Tuesday. These tasks will mostly be set on and collected in via Google Classroom.

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Library Books:

Library books will continue to be sent home once a week on Wednesdays. It has been lovely to read your comments and hear about your children's reading at home. Don't forget you can use the question prompt bookmarks to help you ask questions about what you are reading. Please do some reading each day with your child, either of the book we send home or any other ones that they enjoy. (Local libraries are a great resource for more reading books.)

Clothing:

Please ensure your child comes to school appropriately dressed each day. They will need comfortable clothes which they can manage without adult support e.g. Velcro fastenings on their shoes and elastic waistbands. Please ensure all items of clothes are clearly labelled with your child's name. We will be outside each day and will be using paint and messy materials and whilst aprons are always available, accidents will happen. A spare set of clothes should be kept in a named bag on your child's peg.

The children will learn outside in all weathers so please ensure they have shoes and coats suitable for the outside conditions. Please help your child practise putting their own coat on. Doing up the zip and also taking off and putting on their own cardigan/jumper. If it wet when you come to school and your child is wearing wellington boots please send another pair of shoes for them to change into as they cannot sit comfortably on the carpet in boots. As the weather will (hopefully) warm up over the coming weeks you may want to send your child into school with a sunhat and with sunscreen applied to protect them from the sun, as shade in our playground is fairly limited.

Getting Ready For Reception:

As we are now in the final term of nursery, we will start to work on preparing the children for moving up into Reception Class. This will involve a number of things including; having slightly longer carpet teaching times; encouraging the children to stay focused at an activity for a longer period of time; developing further independence with dressing and undressing, starting to introduce some phonic letter sounds, being a part of more whole school events such as assemblies and sports days.

Upcoming Dates:

Please take note of the important dates for your diary overleaf. Please note that we are going on two trips this half term.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to speak to us at drop off or pick up times.

Miss Browne and Miss Weeks

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