



Dunmore School Nursery Curriculum Newsletter Summer Term 2017



Dear Parents/carers

We are excited to see the Nursery children have been making great steps in their learning and development throughout their Nursery year so far. With improved weather we are spending lots of time in our outdoor classrooms being imaginative, exploring the world around us and working on our large muscular movements. Please look out for signs in the windows and parent mail notices as these will give you information of how you can support your child at Nursery.

Our topic this term is: 'Growing and changing'

We are lucky to have areas in the garden to grow plants and over this next term we will be taking full advantage of this. As well as plants, the children will be supported to learn about growth and change in people and animals.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

All of the children in our environment are encouraged to talk to their peers if an obstacle arises in their play, such as wanting a toy someone else has. We are continuing to build these firm foundations of effective social skills that will support the children in the rest of their lives. Moving forward, these terms offer arising challenges of transition for all the children, some will move onto school and some will move from being the youngest to oldest in Nursery. We will be supporting all children's PSED during this time with visits to their new environment if they are staying at Dunmore and lots of opportunities to talk about school and what it will be like. As ever, independence at Nursery will be fostered and nurtured so that the children become confident in their own skills.

Communication and Language

We will be playing games from the Letters and Sounds program of Phonics (Phase 1) work which gives your child opportunities to become a more confident speaker and listener. We will focussing on storytelling and will be giving the children plenty of opportunities to listen to and understand stories presented in a variety of different ways. Understanding of language will be supported by using Makaton signs and teaching these to the children so they can use them too.

Physical Development

With the change in weather we will be able to take full advantage of the physical opportunities outside. We will be using challenging equipment to deepen the children's physical capability. In the hot summer months the children will be made aware of their own health and self care where we will explain the importance of looking after their own body and how to do so. We will be providing mark making opportunities inside and out and working closely to encourage children when mark making.

Literacy

Sharing books and stories is part of our daily Nursery life. We will be extending this already embedded love of books by spending quality time storytelling for the children. Mrs Lavender and I will also provide opportunities for children's stories to be scribed and used drama to bring these to life. We will be discreetly teaching literacy terms such as 'Title', 'Author', 'Illustrator' and support children to use them when talking about books.

Maths

When thinking about where you see Maths in Nursery it is everywhere. Children think about capacity in the water tray, volume in the sand tray, shape when painting and building towers and numbers when counting play dough cookies! We will be encouraging this practical Mathematical thinking, taking opportunities support reasoning and numeral recognition. We will be empowering each child to think

We will be using opportunities to sound talk, use rhyme and alliteration.	mathematically and become aware of number around them.
<p>Understanding the World With a theme of 'Growing and Changing' we will be working heavily on this part of the curriculum. We will focus on people and communities and how the Nursery children have grown and changed. In addition to this we will be learning lots about the world, growing food, mini-beasts and looking after our environment. We will continue to use our technology resources and will look at simple programming apps talking about what a computer does.</p>	<p>Expressive Arts and Design The children will continue to have the opportunity to explore creatively on a small and large scale using a range of different media and materials. We will continue to work with children on using equipment such as scissors and pencils safely. We will scribe for them to add detail to their pictures. Role play will involve Garden Centre and shop play, hospitals and home corners as well as thinking about how special our Daddies are for Father's Day.</p>
Important Information	
<p>Characteristics of Effective Learning</p>	<p>We will continue to embed in the children's vocabulary the key skills they need to be an effective learner. We will recognise their achievements and pick out characteristics "You kept on trying there and didn't give up!" "It didn't work that way but you changed what you were doing and tried a new way – great learning."</p>
<p>Book bags</p>	<p>Please continue to send your child's red book bag, they really enjoy choosing a book from the library. Please note, to keep our library running smoothly our books will only go home in a Dunmore bookbag.</p>
<p>PE</p>	<p>We will be making the most of physical activities inside and out. You can support your child with their health and self-care by encouraging them to do their zips and shoes themselves.</p>
<p>Requests from Parents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please remember we do not apply sun cream at Nursery so you will need to apply sun cream that will last the whole of their session before they arrive at Nursery. Please also provide a sun hat for hot weather. • We'd be really grateful of any spare seeds that you may be able to donate to our growing Garden Centre industry! Anything at all is much appreciated. • Please don't send spare plastic bags in your child's bag for wet clothes. The children have access to their bags throughout the day and could pull plastic bags out. If you'd like to send in a stock just hand them to your key person every so often. Donations are gratefully received. • Lunch boxes: PLEASE nothing containing nuts (including Nutella – other nut free chocolate spreads are available). Thanks! 	
Key Dates	
<p>Thursday 4th May – 9am – 10am Open Doors. Parents welcome to visit Nursery. Friday 26th May – INSET day</p>	

Signed *Mrs M Hodgkins* Class Teacher