

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to our school community and to wish you a slightly belated Happy New Year. The children have settled in well and have adjusted to being back in Nursery with their routines.

Our Learning Journey:

This term we will continue to learn new and exciting things in the seven areas of the Foundation Stage Curriculum which will include topics based upon the interests of the children. Our focus for this term will be winter and cold places (January), Chinese New Year and Festivals (February) and then the season of Spring, Easter and Mother's Day and growing and change in March.

Phonics:

This term we will be continuing with our Little Wandle Phonics Programme. The children are being introduced to single sounds and have covered 's, a, t, p, i, n, m'. We are also playing lots of listening and blending games to encourage the children to listen to the sounds in words. Through continuous provision we are also encouraging the following things: -

- Environmental sounds
- Instrumental sounds
- Body percussion
- Rhythm and rhyme
- Alliteration
- Voice sounds
- Oral blending and segmenting

This will be carried out in the areas of provision in the Nursery and in whole class sessions every day.

Maths:

We will be focussing on the following objectives this term:

Number –

- Creating and experimenting with symbols and marks representing ideas of number.
- To make comparisons between quantities.
- Understand that a group of things changes in quantity when something is added or taken away.
- Recite numbers in order to 10.
- Shows an interest in numerals in the environment.
- Knows that numbers identify how many objects are in a set.
- Beginning to represent numbers using fingers, marks on paper or pictures.
- Sometimes matches numeral and quantity correctly.
- Shows an interest in representing numbers.
- Realises not only objects, but anything can be counted, including steps, claps or jumps.
- Recognise some numerals of personal significance. Recognises numerals 1 to 5.
- Counting up to three or four objects by saying one number name for each item.

Shape, Space and Measure –

- Beginning to categorise objects according to properties such as shape or size.
- Understands some talk about immediate past and future, e.g. 'before', 'later' or 'soon'.
- Shows awareness of similarities of shapes in the environment.
- Beginning to talk about the shapes of everyday objects, e.g. 'round' and 'tall'.
- Uses shapes appropriately for tasks.
- Uses positional language.
- Beginning to use mathematical names for 'solid' 3D shapes and 'flat' 2D shapes, and mathematical terms to describe shapes.

- Selects a particular named shape

Coats and Clothing:

Please remember that children need a **coat every day**. It is also important that children have a full change of clothes in a bag on their peg so that if there are any accidents, we can change the children quickly. Please could you also put nappy sacks and baby wipes into the bag to help with any accidents or changes.

Clothing:

Please write your child's name in EVERYTHING! This includes shoes, hats, scarves etc. The nursery staff find it very tricky to ensure children go home with the correct clothing if it is unnamed.

Water Bottles:

Please can you send your child into Nursery with a named water bottle that only contains plain water. This is a school policy and by only having water in Nursery prepares them for moving into reception and the main school. Juices and flavoured waters should only be in their lunch boxes.

Illness:

If your child is ill and cannot attend Nursery, please can you ring the school office on 725759. If your child has been sick or had an upset tummy, they must not attend Nursery if they are still suffering from the symptoms. Children should be kept at home for 48 hours after the last bout to prevent infections from spreading to the rest of the children and the staff. As per our school policy, we are not allowed to administer any medication except antibiotics that are required 4 times per day.

PE:-

The children will now be taking part in PE sessions on a Tuesday and Wednesday morning in the hall. Please can we ask that all children come to school wearing trainers on this day.

Nut Allergies:

Please be aware that we have children in school with severe nut allergies. Therefore, please ensure that no nuts, such as peanut butter, are sent into school in lunch boxes and for any birthday cakes/treats.

Thank you for all your support. If you have any questions or want to discuss anything at all, please speak to one of the team or email Mrs Kemble on n.kemble@platdouet.sch.je

Many thanks

The Nursery Team

Nursery emails: