



Thursday 23rd September 2021

Dear Parents/carers,

Each term you will receive a letter outlining the term ahead, containing the key information you will need to know.

Our Curriculum

At Sticklepath, we recognise that early language development is fundamental to a child's successful journey through education. Research tells us that the **level of children's vocabulary** at age 5 is a very strong predictor of the qualifications achieved at school leaving age and beyond.

Because of this, each week in the nursery, we will be focusing on developing the language for a different concept. Our planned provision and learning environment will provide opportunities for concept language to be used at every opportunity through dialogue between the nursery staff and the children.

Research has also shown that learning is effective when there is a time delay before it is revisited. Because of this, previous concepts will be revisited alongside new concepts after a four week lag time.

Below you can find the concepts that we will be covering each term:

<i>week</i>	<i>Concept</i>	<i>Hook back concept</i>
1	Feelings	-
2	Food (meal times)	-
3	Colour	-
4	Size and weight	-
5	Movement	Feelings
6	Family and home	Mealtime
7	Shape	Colour
8	Clothes	Size and weight
9	Shape and preposition	Movement
10	Animals	Family and home
11	Number and quantity	Shape
12	Community	Clothes

We will share an overview of each concept at the start of the week on Tapestry. This will include some ideas for activities that you may like to try at home.

Toileting

If your child is still in nappies, please ensure that they have a supply (including baby wipes) in the nursery. Can we also politely request that they do not wear pull ups unless they are actively attempting to use the potty.

Spare clothes and coats

Please ensure that your child has named spare clothes with them in a named bag each day. The children regularly get messy and wet or may soil themselves and so a couple of sets of clothing (including socks and pants) would be greatly appreciated. It may sound minor, but please can you make sure your child's name is clearly visible on their bag as we spend a lot of time searching for the right ones!

As the weather starts to turn, please also ensure that your child brings in a named coat.

Forest School

The nursery children will be attending the school Forest School area every **Friday afternoon**. If your child attends on this day, please send them in with a named pair of wellies as it can get very muddy up there over winter! We have our own set of waterproofs in the nursery so your child does not need to bring in their own like the older children in school.

Little City

To link with our new concept of community, we have arranged for the fantastic company 'Little City' to visit the nursery on Monday 29th November. We intend to run two sessions for the nursery children on this day – One in the morning for those children who normally attend on a Monday, and one in the afternoon for any nursery children who do not normally attend but would like to take part. These children will need to attend alongside a parent or carer. We are still finalising the details for this exciting day and will share them with you nearer the time but we estimate that the cost will be around £5 per child.



Author Visit

Each year in collaboration with the Appledore Book Festival, we are fortunate to have some fantastic authors visit the school to share their work with the children. On Monday 4th October, Chloe Inkpen will be visiting the nursery children to read some of her wonderful stories. Chloë Inkpen is the co-creator of a number of series alongside her father Mick Inkpen, creator of Kipper the dog and Wibbly Pig. Collaborations include the Zoe and Bean series and Mrs Blackhat books. She is not only a brilliant author and illustrator but is also an amazing presenter. There is a buzz in the room as she interacts and motivates the children to enjoy the stories and characters she creates. We are all very excited to meet her!

Ballet

We are very excited to be able to offer the children the opportunity to learn ballet this year. Pica, one of Sticklepath's wonderful teaching assistants is a ballet teacher and will be leading a ballet session each Wednesday when she will be working in the nursery.

Meet the teacher

We are hoping to provide an opportunity for you to talk to your child's keyworker in October. We will provide more details about this in a separate letter in the next few weeks.

Tapestry

Please remember that we use Tapestry to regularly share observations of your child and to keep you informed of the learning that is going on in the nursery. If you are having any issues accessing your account, please let one of the team know or email Mrs Pennington on hpennington@sticklepath.org.uk

Thank you for your continued support,

The Sticklepath Nursery Team ☺

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