

# Grove Road Primary School



April 2017

## Nursery Newsletter – Summer Term 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you have had a well-deserved rest and are all looking forward to another exciting term with us!

### Topic

Our topics for this term are the changing of the seasons, lifecycles and plants. The children are showing an interest in cooking, jobs and mini beasts so we will also be exploring these topics by looking at nature books, going on mini beast hunts and setting up a garage role play area. Please continue to regularly check our curriculum board for key dates this term as well as information about topics pupils have shown an interest in. You are always welcome to come in and have a look at this, as well as at the learning wall which shows work produced by the children.

### Enrichment

At this time of year, the children really enjoy learning about the new animals and creatures that are being born. We will be watching our very own caterpillars change into butterflies. We will also be having a special visit from 'Zoolab' who will be bringing in some real animals for the children to hold! These include a tarantula, land snail and a snake! You will be receiving a separate letter with more details nearer the time.

### Please remember to:

- Check your child's coloured drawer at the end of their session for any work, art or named letters.
- Have passwords ready for us if a different adult is to be collecting your child from School.
- Let us know of any changes regarding dropping off and picking up arrangements.
- Ensure that a named change of clothing is available on your child's peg and their water bottle only has water in it. No juice or squash.
- Check your child's hair regularly for any signs of headlice.

### Routines:

Please can we have your continued support to help your child become more independent when they arrive and leave school. This includes hanging up their own coats, doing their own coat up, taking off and putting on their shoes and finding their names for the self-registration board.

In PE the children are starting to take their socks and shoes off as we are now exploring the wall frames and balancing bars. Practising taking off and putting their socks on at home will help with this! Please can girls avoid wearing tights on PE days to make this easier for them (Mondays and Fridays).

If you have any questions about how to help your child be more independent in these areas please do not hesitate to ask.

### Busy Fingers

The morning 'Busy Fingers' session is between 8.30am and 9.00am. This is a time when your children can show you what they have been learning, you can learn together and warm up those

fingers for the session begins. Please ensure for morning sessions that your child arrives on time so that they have the chance to settle in before the day ahead. The doors then close at 9am and the children are eager to start their learning! The afternoon Busy Fingers begins at 12:30 and finishes at 1:00.

Please remember that Learning Journals are set out for you to look at on these days:

Monday: **Red** Group

Tuesday **Blue** Group

Wednesday: **Green** Group

Thursday: **Yellow** Group

If for any reason you cannot see your child's Journal on this day, just ask a member of staff to put it out for you on a different day.

You will have received a Reading Diary for your child at the end of last term to fill in when your child has shared a book with you. It is on the above days that you give your child's Reading Diary in' for us to look at. Once we have seen a signature in the diary for that week; your child's car can be moved forward a space on our new Reading Race track! This means we can be part of the whole school Reading Challenge! You will be receiving a separate letter to explain how this works in more detail.

### **Wow Board**

Please keep bringing in your brilliant 'Wow moments' for us to see and display on our board! We really enjoy reading what you have been doing at home.

To help with our creativity and construction tasks we would still appreciate any recycled materials such as cereal boxes and kitchen rolls.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Holland & the Nursery Team