

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER for Parents: NURSERY - Summer Term 2017

An overview of the work we will be covering with your child this term. If you have any questions please ask one of the nursery staff.

SUBJECT	WORK TO BE COVERED
<b>THEME/TOPIC</b>	The whole school theme for this term is <b>Living things</b> .
<p><b>PSED</b>  <b>PERSONAL, SOCIAL &amp; EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT</b>                      Making relationships                      Self- confidence &amp; self- awareness                      Managing feelings and behaviour</p>	<p>Transition plans will be put in place to prepare those children who are rising to Reception in September 2017. They will have the opportunity to spend time in the Reception classes, join a PE lesson, spend some play time in the infant playground and go to assemblies. We are also planning a 'stay to school dinner day' for children who will be staying at Maryland. More information to follow!</p> <p>Again this year we will do the 'Big Toddle', a sponsored event that is lots of fun and raises money for Barnardos, the children's charity. Again, more information to come later!</p>
<p><b>PD</b>  <b>PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT</b>                      Moving &amp; handling                      Health &amp; self-care</p>	<p>Children will have opportunity to play and learn outside everyday whatever the weather. Our outside learning environment supports and reflects our inside learning environment - there are opportunities to mark make, read, record, count, observe, explore and discover. Outside we can develop our gross motor skills on the large play equipment and explore mark making on a larger scale. Fine motor control for pencil hold and early writing skills will be developed through activities such as threading, play with dough and using scissors.</p>
<p><b>C&amp;L</b>  <b>COMMUNICATION &amp; LANGUAGE</b>                      Listening &amp; attention                      Understanding                      Speaking</p> <p><b>L</b>  <b>LITERACY</b>                      Reading                      Writing</p>	<p>The children who start school in September will continue to work on their writing targets and to practise correct letter formation and orientation. These are updated regularly. They will continue daily '<b>Read Write</b>' phonic sessions, learning a sound a day. Some of the older children are already 'blending' (putting the sounds together to make words) which means they are on their way to become readers. Well done!</p> <p>'<b>Box Clever</b>' will continue for children who are developing their English vocabulary and understanding.</p> <p>There will be lots of opportunities for children to talk about experiences, such as observing tadpoles and butterflies and to begin to use pictures and writing to record.</p>
<p><b>M</b>  <b>MATHEMATICS</b>                      Numbers                      Shape, space &amp; measure</p>	<p>We explore number, shape, comparing and sorting, measure and problem solving through play and every day opportunities, such as counting the cartons at milk time, or tidying away sets of objects. Our theme will give us the opportunity to explore recording, and measuring and comparing e.g. measuring time in days as we witness the lifecycle from caterpillar to butterfly or comparing height and growth when we plant seeds.</p>

<p><b>UW</b>  <b>UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD</b>          People &amp; communities          The world          Technology</p>	<p>We will be exploring life cycles, growth and change. We will talk about how to care for living things - babies, animals and plants. We will think about how we have grown and changed. We will plant, care for, harvest and eat our crops of vegetables. We have a wonderful opportunity to observe and care for our resident chickens, but also to observe tadpoles and caterpillars as they grow and change.</p>
<p><b>EAD</b>  <b>EXPRESSIVE ARTS &amp; DESIGN</b>          Exploring &amp; using media &amp; materials          Being imaginative</p>	<p>We can paint, construct and develop our creative skills through using a variety of media and materials. We will use musical instruments, dance, role play and imaginative play. We will explore stories and ideas in core books such as 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and traditional tales such as 'Jack and the Beanstalk.'</p>
<p><b>HOME SUPPORT SUGGESTIONS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Talk about how living things grow and change; enjoy looking at baby photos together.</li> <li>✓ Perhaps make a visit to somewhere such as our local Newham City Farm to see young animals.</li> <li>✓ Encourage name writing and writing for a purpose (leave a message for mum, write a shopping list etc.)</li> <li>✓ Read books, explore the pictures and make up stories of your own.</li> <li>✓ Play games at home such as snakes and ladders, dominoes, snap, lotto or pairs.</li> <li>✓ Encourage children to manage their own personal hygiene - to wash their hands, flush the toilet etc.</li> <li>✓ Encourage your child to dress independently, zip up their coats and to put on their own shoes.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thank you.</b></p>