

## Nursery Newsletter Summer 1 2019

Our Learning Project this half term is:

### Families and Feelings



During the last half term, the team observed from the children a high level of interest in each other and their families. The team have also identified a need for us to further develop the children's ability to make relationships and understand their own feelings. We have combined these themes into an Imaginative Learning Project. As part of this project we will:

- Provide a range of activities within provision that link to the theme, including a family-themed mark making area and book corner offering a range of books focused on families and feelings.
- Spend time celebrating each other, including a 'Happy Birthday' themed malleable area and activate song and dance routine.
  - Set up a 'Doctors Surgery and Treatment Room' in the role play area.
- Introduce the children to a range of fiction and information texts linked to the theme, such as *So Much*, Trish Cooke, *The Way I Feel*, Janan Cain, *Mum*, Anthony Browne, *It's My Birthday*, Helen Oxenbury, *How Are You Feeling Today?*, Molly Potter.
  - Mark make and write cards for someone we love.
- Explore our feelings and our relationships with others through circle times.

#### Maths

We will be focusing strongly on Maths over the next half term to ensure the children continue to develop their maths skills. This will include twice weekly maths activities at group time, followed by activities in our provision that focus on the understanding of quantity and the ability to count objects accurately. We will also be inviting all parents to a 'Maths in the Home' information evening followed by a 'Maths in the Home' workshop the next day. See below for further details. Please also look out for our 'Five Minute Maths' events at the start of session for you to join in the learning!

#### Phonics

The children will again be enjoying a range of activities which enable them to match and distinguish between sounds to give them the auditory skills they need in preparation for learning to read and write when they start school.

We will be introducing some simple rhyme and alliteration through sound games and songs. For further ideas to support with this at home, please visit:

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/list/phonics-games-phase-1>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/Phase1Menu.htm>

#### Dates for the Diary

Mathematics 'Maths in the Home' information evening – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 3:30

Mathematics 'Maths in the Home' Workshop – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 08:30 and 12:30

'Five Minute Maths' – Wednesdays at the start of each session



Tapestry and School Ping



SchoolPing

Don't forget to continue to add your home experiences to Tapestry. We love to see what the children have been doing at home. The weekend homework activity on Tapestry and School Ping is also a great way to learn together over the weekend.