

Nursery Newsletter

16th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was really nice to see everyone during the parents' afternoon and we had so many positive things to say! We keep remarking on how well the children have settled in, how well they get on and how enthusiastic they are. As a group, they have already made so much progress and they are doing so well!



On Wednesday we talked a lot about ways to support your child at home, so here are some ideas for you. Any activities you do at home should be fun, and you can do more or less depending on how enthusiastic (and ready) your child is.



Some children have writing 'Next Steps' or are really keen to write. We advise making marks in the sky with ribbons, putting shaving foam, glitter, paint or sand in a tray and letting them draw in it, using a cup of water and a paintbrush on a fence or on the ground, or chalk on a board or on the ground. Big marks build the muscles in their shoulders ready for writing and they are always more confident when their marks can be easily erased!

In Maths, we concentrate a lot on what we call pre-number skills. This involves sorting objects into groups, saying which group has more or less, noticing when groups or shapes are the same and recognising patterns. You can do these activities with anything that you have in the house! In fact, your children are probably already doing it in their play!



It is also so important to develop communication skills in Nursery. At this point in the year, the most helpful thing you can do with your child is to play with them. If you join in with their play by making their toys talk, showing them how to pretend, making up silly rhyming songs and modelling lots of language, they will do that more and more without you, and with their friends at home and at school.



Finally, the pumpkin soup recipe has been requested by some of you, so please turn over the page if you would like to try making it at home!



Thank you again from all of the Nursery team!