



# Nursery CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Summer 2019

Our Topic:  
Fighting Fit

## Weekly Routines

- Show & Tell Bags – Each week different children are sent home with a Show and Tell Bag. Please return the bag with something in that your child would like to show the class/talk about. The bag needs to come back by Friday so that it can be sent out again. Thank you.
- Sound Bags – each week we send out a few empty sound bags. Please send in an object beginning with that sound for our sound table. Thank you.
- Stanley and Ruby – Our gorgeous class bears will be sent home with two lucky children each Friday. Please return them by the following Wednesday. Thank you!
- Library – children now have the opportunity to change their library book each day.
- Family Reading Morning every **FRIDAY** morning until 9.10am. Please stay and share a book with your child. All siblings welcome. Older siblings are welcome to come down to Nursery if there is a parent present. On the last Friday the month we have Paired Reading with another class instead.
- Our weekly PE sessions are now on a **FRIDAY** in the hall and therefore your child must have their PE bags with PE kit – shorts and t-shirt - at all times. Your child will also have access to the outside classroom at all times therefore please ensure they have appropriate clothes and footwear every day, including wellies to be left in school. Thank you.

## The adults working with your child



Mrs Holt  
(Class Teacher)



Mrs Maclaurin  
(Teaching Assistant)



Mrs Welch  
(Teaching Assistant)



Mrs Brown  
(Teaching Assistant)

## Important dates this term

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May  
Fri 10<sup>th</sup> May  
w/c 20<sup>th</sup> May  
Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May  
Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May  
w/c 27<sup>th</sup> May  
Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
w/c 10<sup>th</sup> June  
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> June  
Mon 24<sup>th</sup> June  
Sat 29<sup>th</sup> June  
Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> July  
Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> July  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July

School Closed (Bank Holiday Monday)  
Sponsored Bounce  
Walk to School Week  
Funky Footwear Friday  
Parent Drugs Workshop (09:00)  
Half Term  
Back to School  
Science/STEM Week  
Nursery trip to William Penn for Soft Play  
Sports Day and Family Picnic (R-Y6 – **not Nursery**)  
Summer Fair (14:00 – 18:00)  
Visiting Sports Workshop for Nursery children  
Nursery Graduation Assembly  
End of Term (13:30)

# Nursery Curriculum

Core Value:  
Reflection

## Magic Moments

We would like to continue to work closely with our families to promote the home/school learning journey. Attached to this newsletter is a set of Magic Moments. These are slips for you to fill in at home when your child has a Magic Moment! For example, the first time your child writes their name at home, counts to 20, rides a bike, recites a rhyme or retells a story. We would like to celebrate these achievements too! Magic Moments can be added to the children's learning journals.

Parent Share Please do feedback and respond to the Parent Share emails. We would love to hear about what your children do at home, and your responses to their experiences at Nursery. You simply click "Reply".

## Important Information

- If your child is going to be collected by a different person please let the school office know or make a note of it in their Link Book.
- Please make sure your child's book bag and water bottle are in school each day.
- Please check the notice boards outside the Nursery each week for any extra information.
- **ALL** clothes must be labelled with your child's name.

## Learning in Nursery for the Summer Term

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development: Children have many opportunities to play collaboratively in a variety of ways. We encourage children to ask for help when needed and to share their ideas, views, preferences and interests with increasing confidence. We will continue to promote the expectations and boundaries of the setting, such as looking after and tidying resources and developing sharing and turn-taking skills, through the use of descriptive praise and the modelling of language. We will be engaging in circle times, ring games and group activities.
- Communication & Language: We will continue to promote speaking and listening skills through modelling and supporting children at play. To support your children at home we send home Firm Foundations Packs to support early literacy skills. These will come home on a **FRIDAY** and should be returned by a **WEDNESDAY**. Children regularly have the opportunity to share news and information about themselves in discussions as a class and at the snack table. We will continue to practise understanding and using prepositions.
- Maths: In Nursery we will continue to focus on counting objects, recognising numbers and reciting the numbers from zero to ten (and beyond where appropriate). To support your children at home, count everything! We will also continue to work on ordering by size, weight, length; using shapes appropriately for tasks (and describing the shapes); comparing quantities; recording numbers in a variety of ways (pictures, tallies, numerals, marks) and finding one less and one more through number songs and rhymes. Children will have opportunities to estimate, find totals, measure, share out, sequence and solve problems.
- Literacy: Children will have the opportunity to change their library book each day. We hope that you enjoy reading daily with your child to support their literacy development. You can encourage your child to talk about the pictures, join in with words and phrases in the story, make predictions about what might happen next and to talk about the parts of the story they most enjoyed. Children will continue to take part in 3 interactive and fun phonic sessions each week. We focus on sound discrimination, alliteration, oral blending and segmenting and rhyme. Children are encouraged to write for a purpose wherever possible such as lists, posters, maps, letters, cards, price tags, etc. Once children see that there is a purpose for writing, they are more motivated to do it! Role play often lends itself very well to this! We plan to engage in Doctor's surgery role play and others as children suggest them!
- Physical development: We will be focusing on changing with increasing independence, spatial awareness, safe use of apparatus and games including ball skills. Children take part in a Dough Disco once a week and Busy Fingers three times a week to develop fine motor control. We promote healthy living through ongoing discussions at the snack table and during play.

For further information on the Nursery curriculum, please visit the Nursery Class Page on our school website: [www.shepherd.herts.sch.uk](http://www.shepherd.herts.sch.uk)