



Shepherd Primary School



Nursery Lambs Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 2021

Adults working with your child



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Tapestry - Online Learning Journey

We would like to continue to work closely with our families to promote the home/school learning journey. Tapestry allows you to see some of the learning your child has completed at school.

It can also be used for you to share with school special achievements. For example, the first time your child uses a new word, jumps into the pool, counts to 10, rides a bike, recites a rhyme or retells a story. We would like to celebrate these milestones too!

Important Dates this Term

- Monday 13th September - first PE / Hall time session - children to come to school in PE kit.
- Wednesday 15th September: Braiswick in to take individual photographs of all children
- Friday 17th September: Christmas card designs to be sent home to parents, to be returned by Friday 8th October with payment
- Friday 17th September: PTA AGM (time tbc)
- Wednesday 6th October: Parent Workshop for Nursery parents, 11.30am
- w/c 18th October: 'Black History Month' week at Shepherd - African dance workshop
- Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th October: Parents Evening (after school)

Learning in Nursery for Autumn Term - ALL ABOUT ME - 'I am Special'

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: there will be an emphasis on settling in and developing confidence, understanding the boundaries of the setting, and developing sharing and turn-taking skills.

Communication & Language: In Nursery we focus on speaking and listening skills. To support your children at home we will be sending home *Firm Foundations Packs* which support early Literacy and Language skills.

Maths: In Nursery we will focus on the numbers from zero to six (and above as relevant) - counting, comparing, reading numerals and using marks to record ideas of number. To support your children at home, count everything! E.g. pegging out the socks, counting raisins, counting stairs etc. You can also have fun looking at and talking about numerals that you see in the environment, such as on cereal boxes, buses and front doors. We will also use words to describe shapes, compare size, weight, capacity, quantity and position.

Literacy: We hope that you enjoy reading daily with your child to support their literacy development. Children are encouraged 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 take part in interactive and fun phonic sessions focusing on Nursery rhymes, tuning into environmental and instrumental sounds, rhythm and rhyme and hearing initial sounds in words, as children are ready.

Physical Development: We will focus on fine motor and gross motor skills through using small and large equipment. Children are encouraged to manage their shoes and wellies, coats and jumpers with increasing independence. Children will be supported to develop independence with their toileting needs as appropriate for each individual.

Routines

Library - children have the opportunity to select a library book to share at home. As children become more settled this will begin.

Home Learning Packs

We will send these home each Friday from Friday 24th September. Please make sure that you return them by Monday so that we have time to quarantine them. Thank you.

Outside Play

Your child will also have access to the outside classroom each day, therefore please ensure they have appropriate clothes and footwear every day.

In sunny weather, please make sure you apply sun cream before Nursery and please provide a named sun hat.

Important Information

*If your child is going to be collected by a different person please let the Nursery staff/school office know.

*Please make sure your child's book bag and water bottle are in school each day.

*Please check the notice board outside the Nursery each week for any extra information. Please ensure all clothes and footwear are labelled with your child's name and first initial.

If you have any particular expertise or interest in any of our curriculum topics for this term, and would like to share this with the class, please contact the class teacher.

Further information about the school can be found at: <http://www.shepherd.herts.sch.uk/>