



# Shepherd Primary School



## Nursery Lambs Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 2020

### Adults working with your child



Mrs Holt

Class Teacher (Mon -Thurs)



Mr Vickers

Class Teacher (Fridays)



Mrs Brown

Teaching Assistant



Mrs Maclaurin

Teaching Assistant

### 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 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 achievements too! Magic Moments can be added to the children's Learning Journals.

### Important Dates this Term

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Braiswick in to take individual photographs of children

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September PTA AGM (via Zoom). SEN IPP'S to be sent home to parents

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Christmas card designs to be sent home to parents, to be returned by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October

### Learning in Nursery for Autumn Term – I am Special

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

**Communication & Language:** In Nursery we focus a lot 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. These will come home on a **FRIDAY. Please return them on a MONDAY so that we have time to quarantine them before they go out again.** Please do let us know if there is anything missing from the pack. Thank you.

**Maths:** In Nursery we will focus on the numbers from zero to ten (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 each week. We will focus 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. We hope to begin P.E a little later in the term. 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 will have the opportunity to change their library book each day. As children become more settled, we will have more time to help them to do this regularly.

#### **Home Learning Packs**

We will send these home each Friday from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Physical Development and ICT**

Mr Vickers will focus on these curriculum areas on Fridays. We hope to start P.E sessions in the hall in the coming weeks. We will notify you nearer the time.

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 remember no single use plastic bottles. Thank you.
- Please check the notice boards outside the Nursery each week for any extra information.
- You will receive a Nursery newsletter each week via Google Classroom. Please let us know if it you are unable to access it.
- **ALL** clothes must be labelled with your child's name.

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 can be found on the curriculum and class web pages <http://www.shepherd.herts.sch.uk/class-pages/nursery.html>