

Nursery Learning Log - Spring Term

Tasks to complete regularly. 'Little and often' is the best way.

READING

Reading is an important aspect in every child's life. We want all children to enjoy reading for pleasure, choosing to pick up a book or ask for a story.

It is our job as teachers and parents/carers to give this enjoyment of books to children. In Nursery, children take part in story time, we choose books together and read a wide range of stories. Rhyming books and stories with repetition are essential for children's learning and comprehension in early reading. Your active involvement and encouragement at home is vital from the initial stages of reading development.

Short sessions of sharing a book at home with you, one-to-one, will give your child valuable experiences that help to establish a firm foundation in their early reading skills. Encourage your child to talk about their favourite part of the story, any likes or dislikes and retell it in their own words. Talk, talk, talk! Being read to at bedtime is a magical part of childhood.



Jolly Phonics Songs

Phonics

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Xy2e78qxNg>

We listen to these songs and practice the actions to help us learn sounds. We associate these sounds with initial sounds in words e.g our name.

Can you identify which sound your name starts with?

What song belongs to your name?

We have done lots of work on rhyming words, can you keep practicing these at home? What rhymes with cat, dog, house, box etc.

Alliteration

To practice hearing the first sound in words, we will be focusing on creating some phrases or sentences with an alliteration in them, starting with our names. For example, happy Harry!

M a t h s

We are superstars at recognising our numbers in Nursery! We have been trying really hard to find numbers 1 and 2 in and around our classroom. This term, we will have a focus on the numbers 3 and 4. Can you spot these anywhere at home?

We will be:

Making repeating patterns, identifying shapes, comparing, height, weight and length.

Keep practising your mathematical skills by singing number songs, counting everything and anything and encouraging your child to use mathematical language in their play.



Star Moments



In addition, help us to celebrate your child's achievements each week.

We love to see our Nursery children growing and developing, and we want to celebrate everything they can do.

Each week, we would love to see some amazing moments about what your child has achieved or enjoyed. It helps us to create a 'well-rounded' picture of who your child really is.

These 'Star Moments' can tell us about anything of interest that you'd like to share with us. For example, your child's favourite activity, when they scored their first goal, learnt to climb at the park, how they helped at home, counted, painted a picture, baked a cake and many more besides!

However, please remember that your child is unique. What he/she enjoys doing or achieves for the first time is personal to them and should be recognised whenever it takes place, regardless of when their friends did something similar. Your child's development is not a race!

Please try to share one star moment per week. The children love sharing these with their classmates and take great pride in their achievements. You can upload these to your child's portfolio on Dojo.

Come and See

We are learning about:

Celebrating - People celebrate in Church. Baptisms, weddings, Christmas, Easter.

Why do we celebrate?

Gathering - The Parish Family gathers together to celebrate the Eucharist.

Why do people gather together?

Growing - Looking forward to Easter.

How and why do things grow?

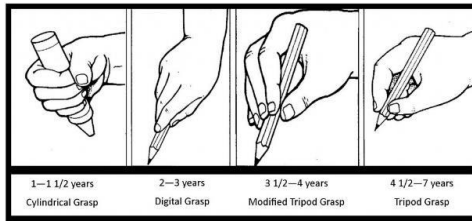


Let's get Writing...

Is your child happy writing making marks & distinguishing the different marks they make?

Early mark-making is not the same as writing! Encourage your child to make marks as they draw and paint. It may take a little time for your child to build confidence to write. So, it is important that you focus on writing (scribbles and making marks). Can they give meaning to the marks they have made? Can your child write some letters in their name?

Encourage your child to develop a tripod grip



Keep practicing holding your pencil correctly.

It can be tricky and uncomfortable to start with, you will have to be patient, but it will come with practice!

You can hold a pencils, pens, paintbrushes, sticks, chalk, crayons - anything you can think of!