



## Nursery – Summer 2

It is the final half term in Nursery for some of our children. We will be making sure it is action packed and full of fun. We will begin the term by looking for signs of Summer and then we will be learning all about different animals including pets, farm animals, jungle animals and everyone's favourite dinosaurs!

### What a beast!

#### Physical Development

The children will be continuing to develop their balancing and climbing skills this term as well as continuing to learn to ride the balance bikes in and out of obstacles. We will resume our weekly PE sessions outdoors as the weather improves. We will be having a high focus with the older children on writing their name and forming recognizable letters whilst the younger children will be learning to hold a pencil correctly and draw lines and circles. The children will be participating in the NSPCC 'pants are private' programme to help them understand acceptable toileting habits. We will be continuing to support those children still in nappies with independent toileting.

#### PSED

During the final term in Nursery for our older children, we will be working on developing independence and preparing for change. We will also be helping the children to develop their ability to solve minor conflicts without needing a teacher to intervene. For our younger children in Nursery we will be continuing to develop their health and self-care skills and we will be continuing to encourage the children to use the toilet independently. We will also be helping the children to understand the importance of looking after living creatures and caring for their environment.

#### Learning through play

Hopefully, we will be able to spend lots of time outside in the coming weeks as the summer weather is upon us. The children will engage in a range of gardening activities, water play, sand play and construction. We will be taking the children hunting for mini beasts and be building bug hotels. The children love our mud pie kitchen and water play areas and will continue to enjoy role play in the outdoor area. The children will continue to experience a range of play activities indoors. Many of the children have been enjoying playing turn taking games, painting and collaging, and construction this half term. They will continue with this over the next 7 weeks encouraging the children to make representations of different animals.

#### Communication, language and literacy

This half term we will read a range of books about animals including Farmer Duck, Billy's Bucket, Rumble in the Jungle, The Great Pet Sale and Dinosaur Roar! The children will be developing their ability to answer questions about stories they have heard and books they have looked at. They will also be practicing making up their own stories about animals.

The older children will be continuing to practice recognizing and writing their name alongside forming some recognizable letters in their own writing.

We will continue to use the Little Wandle phonics programme to teach phase 1 phonics. The children love our daily phonics sessions and are all able to recognize and say some sounds now. We will also continue to learn a rhyme a week so listen out for your child singing at home!

#### Mathematical Development

The Nursery children are now confident when counting and recognizing numbers to 5. We will now continue practicing numbers 6-10. We will also have a high focus on comparing numbers and developing the children's ability to say which is more or less. We will also be exploring capacity with the water play outdoors, weight when playing in the sand, height when we measure our sunflowers and time when talking about how quickly we can ride the bikes around the track.

#### Home Learning

To help your child at home this half term you can look at books about animals together and read stories with animals in. For those of you who have pets, involve your child in their care where possible and talk about the differing parts of their bodies and why they have them. Also allow your child to explore the garden for minibeasts.