



Bright Stars

Newsletter

Welcome

We would like to welcome Lisa back from maternity leave and thank you to Emmajane for doing a fantastic job managing the nursery in Lisa absence.

Stay and play session

Nursery will be holding a stay and play sessions on Tuesday 12th February between 10am–11.15am. The stay and play session will be held in forest area of school, this is an ideal opportunity to come into nursery and see what learning and exploring takes place in the forest with your child.

Term dates

The nursery will break up for half term on Friday 15th February for one week; we will return on Monday 25th February 2019.

People who help us

This term the children have been talking about real life hero's; we have been reading the story Emergency by Margaret Mayo and Alex Ayliffe. We are going to follow this on with "Do all superhero's wear capes?" We have invited the Fire Brigade into nursery on Friday 18th January 2019 at 2pm to talk to the children about fire safety and the children will have the opportunity to sit in the fire engine. If it is not your child's usual nursery day but your child would like to come in and listen to the fire fighters, then please inform a member of the team.

On Thursday 31st January 2019 the children centre is coming into nursery to talk to the children about dental hygiene and the importance of looking after their teeth.

We will be inviting into nursery other people in the community who help us such as the police, local post-person; if you know of anybody who would like to come into nursery and talk to the children about their job roles and how they help people, please speak to a member of our team.

Nursery Collection

Please can we remind parents and carers that if you wish to collect your child early from nursery then it must be before 3.20pm. Parents/carers arriving after 3.20pm must wait at the entrance of the children centre and the children will be brought out to you; thank you for your co-operation.

When the children are waiting at the entrance of the children centre to come into nursery please could you refrain from letting them press the buzzer to the children centre and afterschool club and banging the shutter on the pram store.

Chinese New Year

This half term the children will be celebrating Chinese New Year; this year it is the Year of the Pig. We will be looking at how people celebrate this around the world. The Liverpool celebrations will take place on the 8th, 9th and 10th February 2019.

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Activities we have enjoyed:

- ❖ Water play; water painting using the brushes (outdoors)
- ❖ Car wash (outdoors)
- ❖ Fire rescue (outdoors)
- ❖ Doctors
- ❖ Shared writing (we have a book of the week which we read to the children; the children then share their ideas on paper)
- ❖ Visit from the guide dog



Songs we will be singing:

❖ Being Helpful (tune of Frere Jacques)

Being helpful, being helpful
Is good fun, is good fun.
Let us all say 'thank you'
Let us all say 'thank you',
To someone, to someone.

❖ 999 Emergency (tune of Three blind mice)

Emergency, emergency!
People can help in an accident,
Police and fire and ambulance,
If you need help, you know what to do,
Call 999.

❖ I'm a Firefighter (tune of 'I'm a little teapot')

I'm a firefighter, brave and strong.
Climb up the ladders, they're so long!
When I see the fire, hear me shout!
Use the hose and put it out!

Books we have enjoyed reading:

- ❖ Emergency by Margaret Mayo and Alex Ayliffe
- ❖ Stickman by Julia Donaldson.

Letters and sounds activities we have enjoyed:

- ❖ **'Who is it?'** A child sits on a chair facing away from the other children. Give a toy to one of the other children and the child on the chair must guess who it is. An adult can give clues to help the child on the chair.
- ❖ **'I spy'** Encourage the children to hear and say initial sounds.
- ❖ **'Listening walks'** Encourage the children to listen to environmental sounds and describe what they can hear.