



## Apple Class News Summer Term 1 2018

This term is always a fun one with, hopefully, the weather getting warmer and drier as the weeks progress. Our focus for this half term will be mini beasts and the changing of the seasons. We will be spending lots of time outside no matter the weather so please ensure your child has a full spare change of clothes. We also welcome our 11 new children who have started with us this term. We look forward to showing you all of the exciting things Nursery has to offer.

### Shared Learning 5

As we spend more time outside it would be lovely if we could have some pictures of your children in a favourite outside space — the garden, the park, the beach, Alnwick gardens etc. Again it acts as a stimulus for discussions and allows the children to share their experiences. These pictures will be used in class discussions then displayed.

### Clothing and Sunscreen

Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed each day, and bear in mind that even in the short time your child is in school the weather can change dramatically. We will continue to spend much of the time outside, whatever the weather, so children will need school sweatshirts/cardigans in every day. As the weather starts to get warmer, can we please ask that children **bring in a named sunhat** each day too. If it is sunny can you please ensure that your child has had **sunscreen applied before they come to Nursery**. If your child is staying for the whole day, please bring in a **named bottle of lotion** so it can be reapplied at lunchtime. If your child's feet have grown since you last brought in wellies, they may need a new pair!

### Outside Environment

As ever, we continue to go outside in all manner of weather. Until it is warmer could you please ensure that your child has a hat, scarf and preferably a pair of mittens rather than gloves. It is incredibly helpful to us if **all clothing and shoes (particularly shoes and jumpers/cardigans!) are named**.

### Children Staying in Nursery Next Year

For those children staying in nursery next year, if there are any parents who would like to swap from mornings to afternoons, or vice versa, please let us know by **16th of May**. This will then allow us to work out how many spaces we have for new starters in September. If you do not tell us that you want to change we will assume that you want to stay in your current session.

### Forest school

On Friday afternoons, Apple class will be taking part in forest school sessions with Mrs Pickard. We look forward to taking part in some new and exciting learning activities!

We have recognised that morning Apple class are missing out and we hope to give morning Apples an opportunity to take part later in the year.

### Recycled Materials

Thank you for all the junk materials — they continue to be used at a great rate. However, I now have lots of materials stored so do not need anymore for the time being. I will let you know if we are running low on anything by putting it onto the parent notice board, Thank you.

### Learning Journeys

I hope you are all enjoying looking at your child's learning journey. If you are having any trouble accessing it please let me know. If you are enjoying using it please feel free to add your own pictures from home by clicking the pencil icon. We would love to see any of the exciting things you get up to outside of school.

To all of our new starters, by the end of this week, I will give you a copy of your school 360 login details so that you can have a look at all of the exciting things your child has been up to at Nursery.

### Diary Dates

- ◇ 7th May Bank Holiday (school shut)
- ◇ 14th /16th /18th May 'Stay and Play' sessions
- ◇ 25th May School finishes for half term.
- ◇ 5th June School reopens

### Birth Certificates

If not already done so, please ensure the School Office has a copy of your child's birth certificate.

### Curriculum

Throughout the year we teach basic skills whilst also developing the learning that the children initiate themselves. However, we also use themes of seasons and celebrations as stimuli for further learning and development as these are things that all the children can relate to.

### Summer 1 General Aims — N2

- ◇ Respecting each other and all our resources
- ◇ Developing our independence and self-help skills
- ◇ Developing concentration and perseverance
- ◇ Listening to others
- ◇ Rhyme and alliteration
- ◇ Learning more about growing outdoors
- ◇ Getting ready for the move to full time school

### Summer 1 General Aims — N1

- ◇ Turn-taking and sharing
- ◇ Asking our friends for help
- ◇ Talking in full sentences
- ◇ Listening to others
- ◇ Changing independently
- ◇ Tidying up after ourselves
- ◇ Learning more about growing outdoors

### Stay and Play

Please remember to put your/your child's name on the sign up sheet on the noticeboard. Now that we have 11 new starters the sessions will get quite busy. If your name is not written down and we are full, you will be turned away.

**Stay and Play will take place on:**  
**Mon 14th May 10.15 and 14.00**  
**Wed 16th May 10.15 and 14.00**  
**Fri 18th May 10.15 and 14.00**

To all of our new starters, Stay and Play is an opportunity for you to come into Nursery for an hour and spend some time with your child. The children are often so excited and proud to show off their new classroom and the friends they have made. However, can I please ask that only one parent/carer signs up as the sessions can be quite busy. If you can't make it please feel free to ask another family member to come.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in speaking to any of us

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