



THORPEDENE NURSERY SPRING NEWSLETTER

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MAY 2024

Welcome to all our new and existing Parents/Carers. The children have settled back into their routine at Nursery and are enjoying all the exciting activities we have in store for them this half term. Our April intake have also begun to settle in well, exploring all the different areas both inside and outside.

Summer 1 - What your child will be learning this term?

This half-term, the children will learn about and investigate Healthy Eating and Germs. Where our food originates from and how it reaches our plates. What makes our tummies happy, and why is it important to care for our bodies by making healthy choices? We will experiment with new and different fruits, expanding their understanding of delicious foods from around the world, as well as our personal likes and dislikes. Using various utensils to prepare, cut, and peel their food independently, pouring their own drinks, they gain independence. The importance of their own care needs such as hand washing, brushing their teeth, using the toilet, developing their understanding of germs.



Friday 17th May - 2.00pm-3.00pm

Please join us at our 'Summer One' Stay and Play session on Friday 17th May at 2.00pm to 3.00pm. This stay and play is dedicated to healthy eating, healthy me. The children are looking forward to making fruit salads with their Parents/Carers. We look forward to seeing you all. Thank you, in advance!

WHAT WILL MY CHILD NEED IN NURSERY?

- Nappies and wipes (if applicable)
- Spare clothes in a bag (these don't have to be school uniform)
- Labelled water bottle
- Wellies (to be kept in the Nursery for daily use)
- Appropriate coat/shoes for the weather
- A healthy snack (Optional) /lunch if your child is attending all day.

We encourage parents to label all their children's belongings.

Nursery Gate

We would like to kindly remind parents to always close the gate behind them for the safety of the children.

The gates will be open at 8.20am for the morning drop off and 12.20pm for afternoon drop offs.

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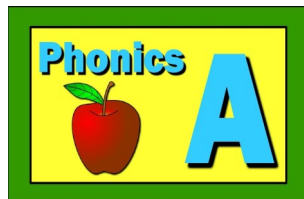
WHAT ELSE IS GOING ON?

School placement

Congratulations to all the children who received a reception place in April. To the parents who didn't, please use the following link to support your child in gaining a reception place for September. [Primary school admissions – Southend-on-Sea City Council](#) or contact the School Admissions Team on 01702 212934 who will be able to answer your enquiries. You can contact the team by email at admissions@southend.gov.uk

The children moving up to reception in September will be bringing home their own name card to practice their name writing and letter formation.

How can I support my child at home?



At Thorpedene Nursery we believe reading is the key to great success. We encourage Parents/Carers to read with their children at least three to five times a week to develop their love for reading. The children have many books on offer and are learning the importance of respecting and looking after our books. Learning to understand to turn one page at a time, use the picture to tell their own story and that print travels from left to right in English. They will be learning and exploring healthy eating books and what makes their bodies healthy. When visiting the supermarket encourage the children to look at the different fruits on offer or even encourage them to try new healthy foods, please share their experiences on Tapestry, this will allow us to incorporate their interests into our planning and they can share this with the nursery children.

In phonics, we learn and practice letter sounds using the Little Wandle Phonics Scheme. In the 3 & 4 year-old room, the children will learn a new sound every week, which will help them to recognise sounds and blend them together to form words when they start to read.

r: r-a-t r-e-d r-oa-d r-i-ng h: h-a-t h-ou-se h-or-se h-ea-d b: b-oo-k b-u-s b-ir-d b-a-g
f: f-i-sh f-a-n f-oo-t f-ar-m l: l-ea-f l-i-d l-o-ck l-o-g j: j-a-m j-u-g j-e-t j-ee-p

We would like to involve our Parents/Carers in supporting their children with phonics at home by using the link below on YouTube.

[Little Wandle Phonics v w x y j \(youtube.com\)](#)

The children are encouraged to count, compare different amounts, such as size, length, capacity and weights. Please encourage this at home, it could be on the way to school counting how many red cars, or at dinner time, who has the biggest dinner? How many carrots do they have on their plate? etc.

They will be learning to take healthy risks during their play pushing their emotional and physical development, developing their fine and gross motor skills.

Nursery Staff

Mrs Odei

Louise (Mrs Kennedy)

Suzanne (Mrs Foster)

Jade (Miss Murfitt)

Anna (Miss Ferola)

Emma (Miss Lawrence)

Chloe (Miss Cosker)

Paige (Miss Bailey)



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WHAT ELSE IS GOING ON?

We have had some fantastic learning and fun over the past two weeks. Enjoy some of our highlights!!

- The children enjoyed watching the weather change dramatically.
- Pretending to make playdough Birthday cakes.
- Listening and joining in at circle time to sleeping bunnies, sleeping being an important part of keeping our bodies healthy.
- Taking healthy risks in the garden, on the different obstacle courses.



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