

Nursery Learning Letter

Welcome to our third
Monksdown Nursery
Learning Letter!

Important information for you

- Please **bring a bag with spare clothes** in for your child.
- Snack money – snack is a VERY important part of our nursery session! The children love to help the staff prepare the snack and then enjoy a lovely social time eating it and chatting with their new friends. Snack money is £1 a week or £7 for the whole half term. Children receive a free carton of milk each day. Please inform us of any **new allergies/intolerances** your child may have.
- At home time, to prevent a big rush, we are opening the doors earlier for a staggered collection.

AM – children can be collected from 11.15am – 11.30am.

(Please ensure children are collected **BY** 11.30am – we have a short lunch break and essential cleaning to carry out before the afternoon children arrive. If children are having to wait past 11.30am to be collected, it impacts on our time to prepare for the next session.

PM – children can be collected from 3pm – 3.15pm in line with sibling classes finishing school.

We are focusing on settling back into our routines after a busy run up to Christmas. We are introducing more structure to our group time session as the children can sit & concentrate for slightly longer periods. Our children are showing an interest in number so we will continue to explore this through play as well as specific teaching sessions.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will continue to support our children to respond to the boundaries in nursery using positive interactions and by modelling how we behave by setting and sharing clear, consistent expectations. We will continue to use conflict resolution strategies to help children to sort situations out when difficulties arise.

We will be building on the relationships the children are already making with their key worker & other adults, as well as with the other children. Friendships are starting to form and it's lovely to see how our children play with and look after each other.

Resilient

Responsible

Resourceful

Respectful

Communication & Language.

We will be looking at Arctic animals and exploring weather through non-fiction books. For our Story Starters, we will be reading my favourite ever story, 'Little Robin Red Vest' as well as 'Beegu' as well as following the children's interests for further texts to use.

Our Science Centre is a busy resource, encouraging curiosity & questioning, whilst allowing them to explore their own ideas to find their own answers. We will be looking at light and dark this half term and introducing lots of new vocabulary. We will be exploring colour mixing in a variety of ways and using a variety of materials.

We will be continuing our group time sessions this half term which will focus on a story starter. Some children are ready for phonics, so we will run a group for this during the session.

We will continue modelling conversations, as well as using intensive interactions for those who need more support with speaking.

Physical Development.

We will continue supporting our children to begin to become independent with self-care routines (handwashing & toileting.) as well as putting on & taking off coats, shoes & wellies.

We will encourage exploration and help our children to assess risk taking in the outdoors.

We will be teaching children how to use one-handed tools safely within snack time and at the Creation Station.

And finally...

We are really pleased to officially welcome Kayleigh to the team! Thank you very much for all your support and lovely comments we've received as your children have settled into Nursery over this last term. We have been really impressed with how well they have adapted to the routine despite some disruption last half term due to Covid. We cannot wait to see more of their personalities as they settle back into Nursery.

As always, if there are any problems, questions, worries or concerns, or even if you want to share something truly lovely, please speak to me at drop off/collection time. We can arrange a longer appointment if needed.

Kellyann, Sheila & Kayleigh.