

# Nursery Parent/Carer Information

## Autumn Term 1 2022

### Settling in, Nursery Rhymes & Families



#### What we are learning this half term...

We will focus our learning around settling in, ourselves and our specific topic "*Families*". Our question is 'Who lives in my house?' and we will be having lots of discussions about who is special to us and how our families are the 'same' or 'different' from others. We will also be singing lots of familiar nursery rhymes and learning new rhymes too (hopefully your child has already been serenading you to and from Nursery).

We will send home a copy of our rhyme booklet so you can practise these at home too!

#### Emotions

Extend your child's language by encouraging them to think e.g. *What makes you feel happy/sad/scared?* etc.

Make faces to show this emotion.



We will also be thinking about what makes us happy and how to make friends, while settling into Nursery.



#### Core Story

Core stories are books we will focus on in depth each half term. We will send the story home for you to share with your child. Please return it the next day to ensure every child gets a chance to read it at home. We will start this next half term.

#### Maths

It is important for children to have a good understanding of maths and in Nursery, this half term we will be focusing on: -

Maths rhymes      Reciting numbers to 5

Counting - objects, claps, jumps      Simple patterns



#### Termly Challenge

This term's challenge is to... 'Put on my coat independently'. When in Nursery, challenge your child to find their peg and hang up their coat by themselves.

#### Baking

Each half term the children get the opportunity to bake with Miss Jones. We are starting off with making smartie cookies ... yum yum!!



#### Reading

Sharing books with your child is so important & in Nursery we spend a great deal of time looking at books. We will celebrate each child's favourite book by asking them to bring one in to share with the class (you will receive a note when it's your child's turn!). Can they **talk** about what is happening in the pictures and encourage your child to **guess** what might happen next? Point to the words as you read them and emphasise reading from left to right.

### Nursery Teddies

At Low Ash Nursery we have two very special teddy friends. Each Friday throughout the year we will choose two children to take one of the teddies home for the weekend. When they come back to Nursery they will share what they have been up to with their friends. This year we have Tabatha Tiger and Lenny Lion.

They are looking forward to spending time with you!



### Autumn

Autumn is fast approaching. Enjoy being outside with your child and encourage them to look for leaves, conkers, acorns and any other natural objects.



### Food Preparation & Snack

Snack is an important part of the Early Years curriculum and in our experience all children benefit from this activity. It can be preparing food, baking, looking at changes in food, talking about what they like/dislike or just simply helping children's confidence to try new food alongside their friends. We ask for a voluntary contribution of **50p each week or £3.50 for this half term**, for which we will send out a reminder letter. We will also use these contributions towards play dough ingredients or other consumables in class. Please could you send the money in a named envelope. If you have any queries, please see a member of the Nursery team.



### Library

The children visit the new school library every Friday. Your child will bring a library book home for you to share and enjoy together.

Please ensure this book is in your child's book bag every Thursday, so your child can choose another library book to take home.



### Clothing

Although we have waterproof suits and aprons for the children to wear to protect their uniform, sometimes they do still get wet and dirty. We do strive to keep them as clean as possible and do encourage the children to independently put aprons on.

Please make sure you **NAME ALL** clothing and shoes!



## A message from the Nursery Team...

We are very proud of the way the children have settled into school. They are all doing so well and are beginning to become familiar with the Nursery routines. Thank you for all your help and support.

Mrs Rendell, Miss Gray, Miss Jones and Miss Lannen 😊