

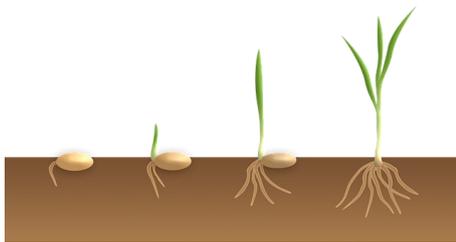


Cookham Nursery School Newsletter April/May 2022

The Children's Learning

We have loved welcoming the children back to Nursery after the Easter break and we have been so pleased with how they have immediately settled into the Nursery routine. We hope you enjoyed the school holiday and especially the sunny Bank Holiday weekend. This half term is very short, only 5 weeks, and we have a lot of exciting things planned.

This half term we have an Art focus. The children will explore the work of different artists such as Matisse, Sonia Delauney, Monet, Cezanne and our very own Stanley Spencer. The children will look at different artistic styles and we are lucky enough to have Ann Danks - Burrows from The Stanley Spencer Gallery coming to run Art workshops with the children.



We will be planting lots of seeds including marigolds, sunflowers, beetroot, carrots and wildflowers. We have some shoots growing from the seeds we planted before Easter; we can talk about growth and what living things need to survive.

The last week before the holidays will be all about healthy living. The children will be taking part in sponsored sports activities. The week will involve eating healthy foods and the understanding of what treats are and how often we can have them. We will talk about teeth and how we clean them.



Please do speak to Mrs Greenwood if you would like to come in and share or help with any of the above areas of learning, or indeed anything else you can share with the children.

Sun Safety Here's looking forward to sunny weather ...

*Please can we remind parents/ carers to apply sun cream to children prior to their Nursery session. We ask that parents/carers of children who stay for a full day bring in a clearly **NAMED** bottle of sun cream for your child to be applied if necessary at lunch time. Please give the sun cream to a member of staff as we keep them all in a central place. We can only apply sun cream to your child if this procedure is followed. Thank you.

*Please also ensure that your child has a named sun hat and is wearing appropriate and safe footwear (not flip flops or crocs please) for the nursery garden. Thank you.



Dates for your Diary



W/c Monday 2nd May - NURSERY CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY

Thursday 19th May - Cookham Nursery Quiz Night 7 30 pm

w/c 23rd May - Healthy Living week and sponsored sports activities

Friday 27th May - Break up for half term holiday.

Monday 6th June - Children return to Nursery.

w/c 6th June - Our own Jubilee Celebrations - it's party time at CNS!

Wednesday June 15th - Earth Song Drummers visit of the day.

Wednesday 29th June - Travelling farm visiting.

Wednesday 6th July - Reports issued to children who are leaving Cookham Nursery.

Wednesday 13th July - Please come to our Summer Sing- a -long. 11:15am & 2:00pm.

Tuesday 19th July - Last day of the academic year. Normal session times will run.



Moving on to School in September

If your child is leaving Cookham Nursery in July please let us know which school he/ she will be attending asap and we can then organise the necessary transition arrangements for all of the children. We will email invitations to all next schools asking them to visit us so that the children have an opportunity to meet their next teacher in an environment in which they feel safe and comfortable. Due to the number of settings that some schools receive children it may not be possible for their next teacher to visit so we strongly suggest that you take up the opportunity to participate in any transition visits that schools offer. We will inform you of the date if your child's next teacher is visiting so that you can ensure they attend Nursery on that date. We have also had quite a few parents approach us on deferring their Reception place. You are able to defer your child's Reception place to the term after they turn 5 years old with permission from their next school. If you wish to consider deferring for a term or more please speak to a member of staff as soon as possible.



Toilet Training

We are often asked for advice on toilet training. We would recommend looking at the ERIC website, a children's bladder and bowel charity. The website has lots of fab guidance on toilet training and also ways in which to manage difficulties such as constipation.

<https://www.eric.org.uk>

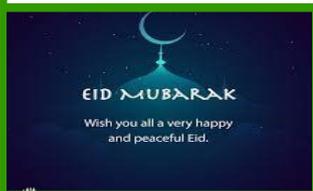
We have printed off copies of their toilet training guide so please let us know if you would like to borrow a copy. As summer is approaching this is the ideal time to start if you feel your child is ready! Please remember to speak to us about it too so we can continue your good work in school.



Polite Reminders



- ☺ Please check emails or our website for reminders, letters, weekly planning and newsletters (we do not give out paper letters).
- ☺ Please park safely and with consideration of our neighbours. Avoid blocking driveways and the disabled space.
- ☺ Please remember to call Nursery (**01628 520002**) on the first day of absence if your child is unwell. If your child has had a stomach upset (diarrhoea and/or vomiting) they should not attend Nursery for 48 hours from their last symptom.
- ☺ Please ensure that your child wears clothes that enable them to be as independent as possible with going to the toilet and changing themselves. Elasticated trousers /skirts are ideal.
- ☺ Please avoid bringing in toys and bits and bobs from home with your child to Nursery. They often get lost and cause upset.
- ☺ Please follow the current Government guidance linked to corona-virus/respiratory infections. Children with mild symptoms e.g. a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend Nursery. Children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, if possible. They can return to Nursery when they no longer have a high temperature and are feeling well. It is not recommended that children are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional. If your child has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature they can resume their normal activities. We request that any adults with a respiratory infection should wear a mask when entering Nursery.
- ☺ All children with respiratory symptoms should be encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing and/or sneezing and to wash their hands after using or disposing of tissues. Please reinforce this at home with your child.



EID MUBARAK
Wish you all a very happy
and peaceful Eid.

Eid Mubarak for Tuesday 3rd May. We hope you have a lovely time celebrating with your family and friends. Please bring in photos of your celebrations to share with all of the Nursery community.

Quiz Night

We would be so grateful if you could come to our Quiz Night on Thursday May 19th at 7:30pm at Cookham Dean Cricket Club. It promises to be a fun evening, with drinks, pizzas and chocolate brownies. Come and test your knowledge as a team and get to meet other parents as well as spend an evening with friends.



It is a fabulous fundraiser for the Nursery too, but we do need to sell tickets for this to be successful. Please email or see Jane at the office to answer any questions and purchase tickets, if you can make it. Many thanks in advance



Supporting Your Child's Learning at Home

Below are some ideas for supporting your child's learning at home linked to current Nursery themes:

Planting and Growing

- Plant a tomato plant in your kitchen and use the fruit in a sandwich when it has grown.
- Plant a sunflower seed and watch it grow.
- Pull up some weeds in the park or garden and look at the different parts of the plant.
- Have fun watering the flowers and vegetables in your own or a friend's garden.
- Collect some leaves, petals etc. and make a miniature garden on a plate.
- Use water leaves, petals etc. to make magic potions!

Minibeasts



- Look for minibeasts in your garden or the local park - where do they like to hide? Can you identify them?
- Search the internet for information on mini-beasts. What can you find out that you didn't know already?
- Talk about the caterpillar and butterfly life cycle with your child. Make a little information book to show the changes and put it into your child's book

Speech Technique of the month

Model language

Repeat, Emphasise and Expand

Enhance your child's use of sentences by:

Repeating back the sentence if your child's grammar is incorrect, e.g. "I goed park Nanny", you say "Yes, you **went** to the park **with** Nanny."

Emphasising key words and new vocabulary, e.g. "I've got mouses at home", you say "you've got **mice** at home."

Expanding on what your child has said by repeating it and adding 1/2 words, e.g. if your child says "kick ball", you say "**kicking a big** ball."

Book recommendation of the month!

We have 10 books each term in our Nursery colour groups which we read regularly with the children. This develops their story language, understanding of story structure, depth of knowledge about characters and storylines and most importantly, a love of books. This term we have some new Osborne non fiction books added to our Core Book List.

