



Cookham Nursery School October 2023 Newsletter

The Children's Learning



This week we have been making and eating Apple Crumble. Our objective is for the children to be as independent as possible during the making process. It forms the foundation for our future goal of making a bread roll independently. We have an 'apple corer' and safety knife which the children used after it was modelled to them. The children were then able to follow the instructions for making the crumble before putting it on top of the apples. It was then baked in the oven and eaten at Snack Time. It was delicious!

This was a great opportunity to practise using our fine motor skills, follow instructions and experience the process of using some apples picked from a tree, to baking a crumble and eating it. We also noted the changes that had taken place when we mixed ingredients together and the changes through the cooking process. We are now going to make a book to show the processes involved.

Children in Need—Friday 17th November

We support the BBC Children in Need as we feel it lays the foundations for the children's understanding of helping others and many of them will see older siblings and members of their community raising funds on the day.

The children will take part in some 'fun' activities together—making spotty biscuits, a spot treasure hunt, Pudsey yoga and a dance party. We are asking for a donation of a £1 coin (or more if you can spare them) to place on our Pudsey head on arrival at Nursery (another great learning opportunity as we see the amount grow as we cover Pudsey's face).



All proceeds will be sent to BBC Children in Need.

We have had such lovely weather this Autumn but it can't last forever! We will soon be exploring frost and ice, bare trees and other signs of Winter. We have lots of gloves and hats at Nursery which we wash regularly and put out ready for the children to use. Please do feel free to let your children use our items and leave yours at home, so they don't go missing. We do find that the children are very active outside and don't need scarves unless it is really cold.

If you prefer your child to have their own items then please remember to name them.



Important Dates for your Diary

Friday 20th October - Children's last day before half term holiday

Monday 30th October - INSET day. Nursery is closed to children

Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October - NURSERY CLOSED FOR HALF TERM BREAK

Tuesday 31st October - Nursery reopens to all children

Saturday 11th November - <https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/home/schools-and-education/school-admissions>

Wednesday 15th November - "Come and Play" with a focus on Communication and Language

Friday 17th November - Children in Need.

Friday 15th December - There is no lunch club or afternoon session today. Nursery closes at 11.45am for the Christmas holidays.



Wednesday 15th November — Come and Play Sessions

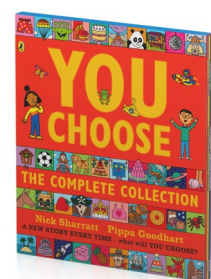
Please do come and join us for one of our Nursery sessions to see some of the learning experiences your child is involved in. Come and play alongside your child to see how he/she explores the environment, interacts with other children and adults and how, through play and talking, we extend their learning.



Wednesday 15th November 8:45—9:30 am and 12:30—1:15pm.

Book recommendation of the month

If you haven't seen this book before—it's a must read! It encourages the most incredible in-depth conversations with your child as you choose different pictures on each page of the book. They will want to return to it again and again as they choose different scenarios and explain their decisions. Perfect for sustained back and forth conversations and the building of new vocabulary.

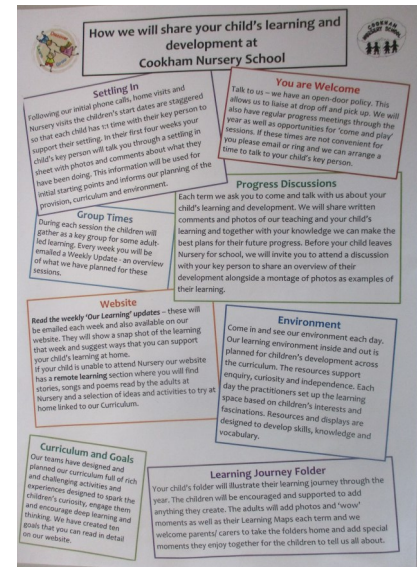


Information about your child's learning at Cookham Nursery

We hope that you found the information about how we share your child's learning useful. If you need another copy, there are some printed in the Nursery foyer.

Please also look at the weekly planning, emailed every Friday which, alongside the children's learning, also provides other ideas for supporting your child's learning at home.

Tell us or send in a photo if your child has achieved something at home, no matter how small, and we can share it in Group Time. Our parent/carer meetings will also give you a chance to share information about your child and we will share their learning at Nursery with you. Together, we will build up the whole picture of your child's progress.



Speech Technique of the Month

Be face to face

Whenever you are talking to your child try to get face to face, e.g. having a conversation, zipping up a coat, giving instructions.
Be at the same level as your child, e.g. when reading a story, speaking to them.

Remember:

If you're not face to face with your child they may not be able to take on board everything you are saying!

What to expect in the Early Years Foundation Stage



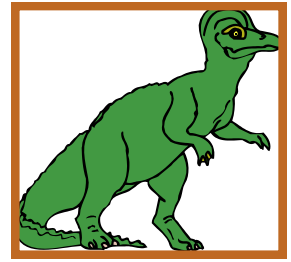
We have added a link on our website to a document from the DFE and East London Research School which supports parents in their understanding of child development and curriculum for children from birth to 5 years old. It is a large document but is very informative.

<https://www.nurseryfederation.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1116>

At Home...

Some ways in which learning can be supported on an on-going basis include:

- Sharing stories, nursery rhymes and books at any opportunity.
- Encouraging your child to make up stories using their small world play figures or by telling stories together. Write the stories down for your child and read them back to them. You could try taking photographs of the small world play to illustrate the story.



- Continue to develop your child's interest in writing by encouraging them to mark make with different writing equipment. Try using unusual materials on a tray such as shaving foam, a corn flour and water mixture with a little food colouring in, lentils, rice, in fact anything that they can leave a mark in.
- Notice with your child quantities of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 objects, such as when peeling a satsuma or looking at picture books. Model the language e.g. "I can see three cats, two here and one there, that's three altogether."



It's Coffee Time!

One of our very kind parents, Nathan Nagel, has purchased a Coffee machine, pods and paper cups as part of a fund raising project for the Nursery School. After the half term holiday, the coffee, milk and cups will be available outside, on the left of the main Nursery door as you exit. Coffee will be available on Monday and Friday mornings (unless it's raining!). There will be a pot for a donation (suggested donation of £1) We are hoping that parents/carers will start to bring their own take away cups in to reduce waste.



Thank you very much in advance and our thanks to Nathan for his idea and purchases.