



Cookham Nursery School Weekly Update Week One

Welcome Back!

We hope you had a lovely summer break and a huge welcome back to all our children. We are so happy to see everyone them all. It has been such a pleasure to welcome our new families for transitional visits and we are looking forward to these new children starting over the next couple of weeks.

The team have been very proud of our existing children and how they have returned to Nursery with confidence and maturity. Well done everyone!

This is our first weekly update as usually parents/ carers would be able to come into the Nursery where we were able to communicate with you either in person or through notices in the corridor. We hope that you will find it useful.

The team started back from their summer break last week and have been busy updating their paediatric first aid certificates and getting to know the new children with some transitional visits to Nursery which replaced our home visits this year.

We extend a warm welcome to our new staff members who have already settled into Cookham Nursery School. Miss Young (Yellow group) is new to Cookham Nursery however she knows the team very well as she was previously employed at The Lawns Nursery School in Windsor, which is part of our Nursery School Federation. Mrs Sadler (Purple group) joins us from Eton Wick First School and is studying for her teacher training with us this year.

New Routines and Systems

Thank you for your patience whilst we adapt to the new ways of bringing the children in and out of the Nursery. We are fortunate that the children are starting over the next few weeks so we can support them in leaving their parent/ carer at the garden gate. The children have amazed us with their resilience and how adaptable they have been in washing their hands and have settled in really well. The advantage of this system is that we are able to open the garden for the children straight away which they have really enjoyed.

Thank you also for remembering to bring in a names water bottle and snack for your child. The snack and a change of clothes needs to be in your child's book bag. We do have milk available at Nursery too.

We are settling into our new routines . We wanted to share a few examples of our teaching and learning to show you how the children are extending their knowledge and understanding.

Chatting to Mrs Greenwood on the phone and extending my learning by making notes about where and when we were meeting.



Persevered with the skill of walking on stilts and managed to walk along the whole path.



Spent time practising my number skills while playing with '5 Monkeys Jumping on the Bed.'



Explored ways of filling containers and pouring water very carefully in the potions area.



Recycling

We have spent time on recycling projects over the past year and we involve the children in waste disposal and recycling too. We hope that they will learn to care for the environment and our planet from an early age. We now order glass milk bottles to reduce our use of plastic and teach the children to recycling in our bins. Unfortunately we are unable to recycle food waste at Nursery so we will send any uneaten food and packaging back home in your child's lunch/ snack box to recycle. Thank you for your help and understanding.