



Cookham Nursery School

11th March 2021 Weekly update

Welcome back!!!

We were so pleased to be able to welcome all children back to Nursery this week. It was an absolute delight to see all their smiling faces rushing back in. Thank you for being so patient with us over the past few weeks, we know that it has been a very challenging time. The team hope that you were able to engage with the remote on line learning activities - we were pleased to work on these to give continuity to our Early Years Curriculum whilst the children were at home.

We have been working hard at Nursery to ensure that our environment is as safe as it can be for children, parents, staff and essential visitors. Staff are now accessing lateral flow tests which is greatly reassuring for them.

The children are already fully engaging in lots of exciting activities and provocations to stimulate the children's interests.

Our overall focus, taking into consideration the prolonged break from Nursery for most children and the current unsettling climate, will be to:

- * To rebuild trusting and respectful relationships.
- * To re-establish social interactions with adults and their peers.
- * To follow the new Nursery routines and structure to keep themselves safe.
- * To further develop co-regulation and self-regulation skills.
- * To be ready to engage in playful learning.
- * To enjoy being creative using a variety of media.
- * To be physically active.



Our Learning...

The children have been brilliant at getting back into the Nursery routine, playing with their friends, concentrating at group times and fully engaging in the activities set up in our lovely environment. We have been climbing and walking on the ropes, making rock pools in the water area, making smoothies for snack, exploring den building and making Mother's Day cards (shhhh!!)



Dates for your diary!

Thursday 1st April - Break up for the Easter holidays (usual session times).

Wednesday 21st April - All children return to Nursery after the Easter break.

Monday 3rd May - Nursery closed for Bank Holiday.

Friday 28th May - Break up for half term holiday.

At home...have conversations

Making comments instead of asking questions will encourage your child to respond.

Pause between sentences to give your child time to process information.

Young children find it easier to talk about something they are looking at or doing.



Polite Reminders



- ☺ Please bring in a **named water bottle** every day.
- ☺ Please check emails or our website for reminders, letters, weekly updates and newsletters (we do not give out paper letters).
- ☺ Please put **spare clothes in your child's book bag every day**. Remember that we go outside in all weathers so make sure your child has appropriate clothes and footwear.
- ☺ Please wait in line, socially distancing, at the beginning and end of the session. Adults dropping off and collecting children should be wearing a mask.
- ☺ Please park safely and with consideration of our neighbours.
- ☺ Please remember to call Nursery (**01628 520002**) on the first day of absence if your child is unwell.
- ☺ 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 and skirts are ideal.
- ☺ In order to keep all of our community safe please continue to follow the government guidelines regarding the spread of coronavirus:
<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- ☺ If a your child or anyone in your household display symptoms of coronavirus (raised temperature; new, continuous cough; change to or loss of sense of smell or taste) they should have a PCR test. If the test is positive your child should not return to Nursery for 10 days. For further information please read our Risk Assessment which can be found on our website www.nurseryfederation.co.uk/cookham