



SUMMER TERM

Nursery News

Summer Term in Nursery

It is the last term of the school year and one that is always action packed and very busy. Let's hope it won't be too long before we see the sun shining again!

So far this term we have welcomed 8 new families into the Nursery. Thank you to all the new parents who have welcomed us into their homes during the recent home visits. We think they are very important as they allow us to meet the children in relaxed circumstances and it helps us to start to build relationships with children and families. We also welcome a new member of staff to the Nursery team for this term, Katie Heywood.

For some of our children, this will be the final term in Nursery before they start in 'big' school. In readiness for this transition we have started teaching phonics and talking about moving on into school. All parents and carer's whose children are staying at Mansel, should have received a letter regarding Transition Meetings. These meetings are important as much information is shared regarding the transition programme.



This term we will be covering topics around **People Who Help us**, **Minibeasts** and **Holidays**. Our core texts will include the traditional tale of Little Red Riding Hood, the Very Hungry Caterpillar and Going on a Bear Hunt. We will also beginning to understand Non-Fiction books linked to a range of jobs. To support the children's understanding of these areas, we have arranged for a dental hygienist, a veterinary assistant and a police officer to visit nursery. Please look out for further information on a trip to the Tropical Butterfly House later in term.

Top tips for reading stories

- Make reading to your child feel like a treat. Introduce each new story with excitement.
- Make it a special, quiet time and cuddle up so both of you can see the book.
- Show curiosity in what you're going to read.
- Read the whole story the first time through without stopping too much, **but** if you think your child might not understand something, explain it simply.
- Chat about the story e.g. I wonder why ...

MEET THE NURSERY TEAM ...

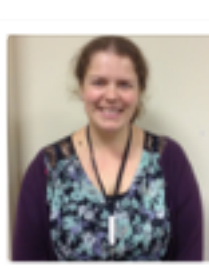
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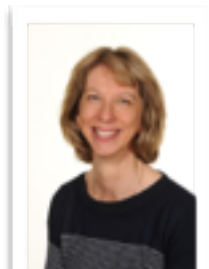
ALISON FEARN



KATIE HEYWOOD



CLARE JONES



Phonics

As this is the final term for many before entering Reception, we have introduced the Read Write Inc phonics scheme to Nursery. Phonics is a method of teaching reading by matching sounds to letters. It is very important that children learn to say the sound that is represented by the each letter correctly e.g. mmm instead of muh, muh, muh and lll instead of luh, luh, luh. For more information please take a look at <http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/resources/read-write-inc-phonics-nursery/>

Spare Clothes

If you have any spare clothes particularly pants, socks or tights, that no longer fit, please bring them into Nursery as we often run out of these items when changing the children. We also welcome any dressing up clothes that the children have grown out of or no longer want. These are always very popular and received with thanks.

Wellington Boots

As Summer approaches and the weather hopefully starts to improve, the children will spend more time outdoors. However when it rains, it is muddy and we encourage the children to change into wellies in order to protect their own footwear along with protecting our indoor environment. We did have a large number of wellies available for the children to use, however, this spare stock of wellies has depleted over the last few years. So if you have any wellies at home that your child has grown out of, we ask you to bring them into school for us to recycle!

How to contact us

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Reminders

Session times:

8.45 am - 11.45 am (doors open at 11.35 am)

12.15 pm - 3.15 pm (doors open at 3.05 pm)

Please be aware that all staff have their lunch between 11.45 am to 12.15 pm, so we do appreciate you collecting your child from nursery on time. If you are held up or are unable to collect them on time, please let the school.

Diary Dates

May Day (Nursery & School closed) - Monday 7th May 2018

Little Library Van Visit to Nursery - Tuesday 15th May in afternoon

Transition Meetings for children moving into Reception classes at Mansel in September 2018 - Monday 21st May at 9.00 am or Tuesday 22nd May at 3.30pm

Half Term Holiday - Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June 2018

Foundation Stage Sports Day - Wednesday 27th June 2018

Last day of Summer term - Friday 20th July 2018

