

# Nursery Summer Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

How quickly the final term of the year has arrived! It seems no time at all since the children started Nursery and it won't be long before they move into the next stage - the Reception Class.

Our chosen themes for the term are 'People Who Help Us', and 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. After half term we will be listening to the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and we are going to have some of our very own hungry caterpillars in the Nursery!

This term, we will focus on the following:

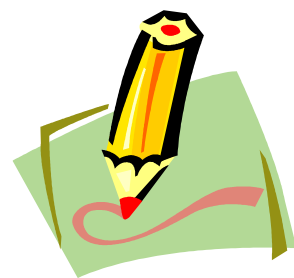
## **Personal ,Social and Emotional Development.**

- To take turns at activities using equipment or in conversations.
- To choose an activity and work independently.
- To be confident to speak to others about their own needs & wants.
- To prepare for transition into Reception Classes.
- To display high levels of involvement in activities.



## **Literacy**

- To be able to write their name with recognisable letters.
- To form their letter shapes correctly.
- To be able to retell a story knowing who the main characters are and the sequence of events.
- To recognise and say the sounds that letters represent.
- To identify words that rhyme & think of other rhyming words.
- To hear & say sounds in words.
- To record the first sound when attempting to write a word. e.g. 'c' for 'cake'.



## **Mathematics**

- To count forwards and backwards to 10.
- To be able to identify numbers 1-10.
- To link numerals and amounts: for example, showing the right number of objects to match the numeral.
- To be able to identify one more or one less of a given number up to 10
- To use our number knowledge in activities and games.
- To compare amounts saying which has more and which has fewer.

To talk about how shapes using informal and mathematical language', sides', 'corners', 'flat', 'round'.

To begin to name familiar 3D shapes e.g. cuboid, cube, sphere and cylinder.



### **Communication and Language**

Retell a simple event in the correct order.

Question why things happen & give explanations.

Use talk to connect ideas, explain what is happening & anticipate what might happen next.

Last term, the children worked hard at recognising the sounds that some letters make. This term, we will be introducing the pupils to the following sounds:

**Letter e** - 26th April

**Letter b** - 3rd May

**Letter u** - 10th May

**Letter r** - 17th May

**Letter h** - 24th May

### **Half Term**

**30th May - 7th June**



**Letter f** - 7th June

**Letter l** - 13th June

**Letter j and v** - 20th June

**Letters w and x** - 27th June

**Letters y and z** - 4th July

**Letter qu** 11th July

**Recap all letters** - 18th July

We will be reading simple words by saying the sounds the letters in key words represent and blending the sounds together, e.g. "m-u-m" "mum", "c-a-t" "cat". We will be supporting children with their letter formation and will help them attempt to write some simple words.

### **RE**

Our RE topics are 'Good News' and 'Our World'. We will be talking about times we have been given 'good news' and how that makes us feel. We will be also exploring everything that is wonderful about our world!



### **Sun cream and sun hats**

Please make sure that your child comes to school prepared for warmer weather. If possible, on hot days, apply cream before they come to school. Please send in some suncream for your child that we can keep in school with their name clearly marked on the container. If your child does not have their own cream, we will provide some to put on so they do not burn when outdoors. Please send in a sun hat for your child to wear as we spend a lot of time outside in the Early Years. If they don't bring one to school, we will let them borrow one.

### Nursery Diary Dates

<b>Wednesday 11th May</b>	Full Cube Jar –Pyjama and Teddy Day
<b>Thursday 26th May -Jubilee Disco</b> <b>Friday 27th May-Jubilee .</b>	Street Party Children wear non-uniform, either party clothes or red, white & blue colours on both days for our Jubilee celebrations
<b>30th May-3rd June</b>	May Half Term
<b>Monday 6th June</b>	School Closed for staff training day
<b>Monday 13th June 9:15</b> (Please attend Monday or Tuesday )	Reception Talk for parents whose children will be attending St Cuthbert's Reception Class in September
<b>Tuesday 14th June 2:15</b> (Please attend Monday or Tuesday )	Reception Talk for parents whose children will be attending St Cuthbert's Reception Class in September
<b>22nd July</b>	Finish for the Summer holiday



### **Transition**

This term we will be helping your child get ready for Reception. If Your child is coming to St Cuthbert's Reception class, They will be able to spend some time with their new teacher in their new classroom and get to know their new environment. If your child is going to a different school in September, feel free to let them bring in their new uniform to show the Nursery staff and their friends. We will be passing on your child's records to their new Reception Class teacher.

### **Learning Journeys**

This half term we will email you the final part of your child's individual Learning Journey. We would love you to comment on your child's experiences by replying to the email. Also, don't forget that there are lots more photos of our learning on Facebook, Twitter and the website which is updated regularly.

### **Reminders**

- Please ensure all clothes are labelled with their name.
- Could all children wear shoes for Nursery that they can take on and off independently, preferably with Velcro fastenings.

**Thank you for all of your support,  
The Nursery Staff**