

Autumn Term
September 2020

The Greenfields Gazette

A very warm welcome to the Autumn Term and, thank goodness we are all adapting to our new normal. The children have been amazing and unfazed by the new arrangements and a huge thank you to all our families who have been so supportive. We extend a special welcome to our new children and families. Please be sure that we are still here to support you should you need us, so please just speak to us either at the gate, by phone or email.



We are sure you have noticed our new outdoor studio which we are using for all our extra-curricular activities. Our specialist teachers have welcomed this new classroom as it ensures that they can stay in one area to do their classes. Extra cleaning takes place between the groups and all equipment used for the lesson is kept only for that group, cleaned, and then quarantined for 72 hours. We hope to use the classroom all year whenever the

weather allows!

Just a reminder regarding lunch - We have some children with nut intolerances in the nursery and egg intolerances in the Big Room. This includes anything containing nuts or egg, so please can you be very vigilant with regards to items you put in your child's lunch bag. Could we also ask that you keep Nursery informed of any changes to a child's allergies or dietary requirements. Finally, please also remember to name your child's lunch bag and drink bottle.

We will be posting regular observations via Blossom, and would welcome your contributions from home. When you observe something significant that can be added to your child's observations it helps us enormously when assessing the children's progress.

In the Big Room -

We are getting straight into our familiar daily and weekly routines providing a range of fun filled activities for our children to enjoy.



Letter of the Week-

As always we will focus on an individual letter sound of the week. Looking at and practicing both its formation and finding corresponding examples for each one.

Nature Focus-



There will be a nature themed focus each week, learning about either a different bird or creature, discovering interesting facts such as its habitat, eating habits, bird song, distinctive features etc.

Loose Parts Play -

We are encouraging aspects of loose parts play into our weekly activities. 'Loose parts play' focuses on children using a variety of both natural and man made resources in their play. Encouraging the children to create pictures, models and play based on their own individual imagination skills with limited adult intervention.

Topics-

There will be seasonal themes and topics that we cover. In addition to these we will be looking closely at 'how and why things work', these topics cover activities led by childrens interests.

Extra-curricular activities -

We have been delighted to welcome back our extra activity teachers -

Mondays - Calypso Music and Mandarin

Tuesdays - Yoga Bugs and French

Wednesdays - Multisport and Dance

Thursdays - Science and Dance

Fridays- Science and Sunshine Dance Kids

Science topics this term will cover - Does it float or sink? does it dissolve? separating mixtures, colour mixing, chromatography, solid and liquids, ice rescue! exploding lunch bag!!

In the Little Room-

Our new children have coped so well and are settling-in more and more every time they come.

This term we will be focusing on re-connecting with our key children. We will be encouraging the children to join in with small group sessions with their keyworker; as it has been such a long time since we have been together, it will be nice to build up some strong bonds again! We will be exploring colours, numbers and shapes this term, making some colourful displays for the room, doing lots of counting activities and looking at shapes within our environment, especially during our circle times in the mornings.



We have a 'me as a baby' board that the children love looking at and it is a strong talking point! Could we ask you to bring in a baby photo of your child to add to the board (we will quarantine the photo for 72 hours before we put it up) please don't send anything too precious

in, as we can't guarantee its safe return.

We have started our Calypso Music and Yoga Bugs sessions again in our new outdoor classroom. The children have loved getting back into routine again as have we!

In the Baby Room-

We have been doing some sensory play with oats, paint, sand, and water. Over the next few weeks, we will be looking at the change of seasons through lots of art activities, sensory bottles, and an autumn play tray.

We will be continuing to play outside in the fresh air as much as possible and have started using the new outdoor classroom for Calypso Music and Yoga Bugs. Please ensure that your child is wearing the appropriate clothing.

