

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER APRIL 13TH 2016.

Spring has sprung! We hope everyone had a lovely Easter break.

During these next few weeks we will continue to cover the 3 Prime Areas of Learning, Personal Social and Emotional, Communication and Language, and Physical Development.

Plus we continue with the Specific Areas of Development, Literacy, Maths, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts.

The Aspects are;

PSED=Self Confidence and Self Aware.

CL = Speaking.

PHY = Health and Self Care.

EXP = Imagination.

MTH= Shape Space Measure.

UW = Technology.

Our Topic will be Teddies. We can use this topic as a vehicle for learning activities for our curriculum plans as above.ie. number lines in shape of teddies, using compare bears for grouping, weighing, making estimates. Teddies also give opportunity for Speaking, for the children to tell us about their Teddies and by doing so learn to use speech to inform others, and in turn we can model listening by showing an interest in what the child has to say,thus helping develop their self confidence.

Self Confidence and self aware.

As important as Speaking to the child, listening is really important. Over the next few weeks we will be encouraging the children to use speech for many purposes, questioning, retelling events, general conversation, rhyming words/strings, singing etc. And to encourage confidence in speaking we will respond by really listening and then question the children to help them extend conversation and help the flow of speech.

Shape Space Measure.

This is the Maths aspect it covers length, shape, height, measuring, weighing. An interesting one! Giving opportunity for some good activities. We will look at categorising shapes by looking at their characteristics, ie a wheel is round and it is a circle so it will roll. We can go on walks and see shapes around us, we can compare lengths of things and different heights. We can also use a variety of objects/substances to weigh. We can even make a super teddy bears picnic tablecloth out of a group collage of shapes!

ICT.

At the moment ICT with computers is a hard one to cover in the setting. So we need help with this please! If it is possible can you let us know what ICT equipment your child uses and if uses a tablet or laptop, can they complete simple age appropriate software?

Using Imagination.

This gives opportunity for some lovely role play, paintings, buildings, story making etc. A real piece of creativity! A chance to link with Speaking by using descriptive words and extending vocabulary. A chance to take on roles, change their voice, dress up etc. It is going to be very entertaining listening to all their creative imaginative ideas and help them use and extend them!

Health and Self Care.

We will be looking at how we eat well, choose healthy foods, taste different fruits and vegetables. Look at how we take care of ourselves and others. When you go shopping you can have a bit of fun playing, Healthy or not Healthy!

Just a few reminders.

We are closed an extra day due to voting this is the 5th May. But back as usual on the Friday.

Hopefully we will be seeing the sunshine and feeling the heat of the sun, so could I ask you bring sun cream, sun hats, a labelled plastic bottle of water and for lunch boxes please put in an ice block, thank-you very much. Please put sun-cream on the child before they come to Pre School.

Thank-you to everyone for supporting the recent fundraising events it is really appreciated. Both St Crux and the Beer and Pie night were very successful, thankyou.

When you borrow your childs Learning book please put any comments in or any information about your childs progress, it would be really useful. Thankyou.

School Starters group is starting Tuesday 19th at 9.15. with Anjie. The plans are done and to accompany each session there is a small fun home-task for parent and child to do together. There is no pressure it is just a way of sharing the weeks learning objective. Each week we will show each other our task which will enable the children to feel valued, have self pride and sense of achievement. I have done this before and it is lovely to see the children share their work and show interest in each other.

Thank-you.