**Nursery Spring Term 2020 Information**

**Welcome Back!**

We hope you have all had an exciting and relaxing Christmas. We hope your child is excited to be back at Nursery for our Spring Term. This term we welcome 10 new children to Nursery – we are so excited to have you join the Littletown Nursery family! We hope they will be very happy with us. We are thrilled with how the autumn children all settled in over last term, but please do come and speak to us if you have any concerns. Please continue to come in with your child in the morning and help them register by placing their name in the appropriate group basket. If they are packed lunches, they should leave their lunchbox on the bench. They should continue to bring their water bottles in with them to leave in the tray at the water station. Please feel free to continue coming in to settle them at an activity.

**Literacy**

This half-term, we will continue having daily phonic inputs where we will developing the children’s listening skills, thinking about rhythm and rhyme, and starting to zip sounds together to make words (blending – c-a-t, cat). Children who are ready, will also start to learn a new letter sound each week, with the week’s sound being displayed on the board at the front of Nursery. There will be lots of opportunities daily to work on the children’s fine motor control including; cutting with scissors, pencil grip and control and strengthening the muscles in our hands and fingers using playdough etc... We will also be providing lots of opportunities for the children to mark make in their child initiated learning and encouraging children to start trying to copy the letters in their name.

As part of our topic, ‘Have you got a pet?’ we will be enjoying books including The Great Pet Sale, Kipper, and information books about pets.

**Maths**

In maths we will be learning to recite number names in order to 10 and beyond, matching numerals 1-10 and beyond to quantities and looking for numerals in the environment. We will also be talking about size and the language of quantities, as well as finding and naming 2D shapes.

**Cornerstones**

Our topic for the first half of the Spring Term ‘Have you got a pet?’. Please see separate Topic Information Sheet for further details and ideas of how you can support your child’s learning at home. Please upload anything you do with your child to Tapestry so that we can celebrate this with them at Nursery.

**Key reminders**

* *Collecting at the end of the day:*  Please ensure that if someone on your named list is collecting your child after Nursery, that they know your chosen password. Your child’s safety is of the upmost importance to us so they will be asked for this.
* *Clothing:* Please ensure all items are named including shoes and wellies.
* *Book Bags:* All children in Nursery have a book bag. Please encourage them to choose a book to share with you at home from the baskets in the cloakroom. They can change this book as often as they like, but please ensure all books are returned.
* *Little Explorers:* Our ‘Little Explorer’ sessions will continue this term and will be on a Thursday until half-term. Please see separate letter sent out.
* *Water Bottles*: Please ensure your child has a bottle of water (not juice) in the Nursery for drinking throughout the day. They may have juice in their lunchbox but no fizzy drinks.
* *Packed Lunches:* We have peanut allergies in Nursery so we ask that no children have nuts or nut based snacks/spreads in their lunchboxes. We are a healthy school and ask that children do not bring in chocolate bars or sweets for lunch.
* *Toys:* **We ask that toys/valuables are not brought in to school**, unless by prior arrangement with a member of staff. However we do encourage the children to bring in pictures, photos, objects, books etc… linked to our topic. We also encourage the children to bring in other items to show such as postcards and photos from a holiday or certificates or objects celebrating achievements. Please hand the items to a member of staff for safe keeping.
* *Tapestry:* The latest WOW moments were published on Tapestry, just before Christmas, for you to login and view. If you are having any problems logging in, please see Mrs Jackson.
* *Term contribution:* Thank you so much for last terms contributions. Envelopes for the first half of the Spring term contribution will come home this week. These contributions are absolutely essential for helping us to provide all the little ‘extras’ for your children.

**Key dates for the spring term**

Every Thursday until February half term – Little Explorer sessions

Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th February – Parent Stay and Play sessions 9-9.20am

Friday 14th February – Break up for half term holiday

Every Tuesday until the Easter holidays – Little Explorer sessions

Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th March – Parent Stay and Play sessions 9-9.20am

Friday 27th March – Break up for Easter holidays

Tuesday 14th April – Children return to Nursery