

Our Ethos - It takes a whole community to raise a child



What's happening at Nursery School !

Monday 30th January to Friday 3rd February 2017

Last week the children had lots of exciting learning opportunities inside and outside the Nursery School. Many children are showing an interest in mark making, which is the first stage towards writing. Our youngest children are experimenting with different mark making in the creative area in Cherry Room, outside and in Oak room in the graphics area. They are using paintbrushes to make circles and lines on paper on the easels or on the table or when they are playing with the play dough they are developing their fine motor skills by using the rolling pins, cutters and tools to make marks in the dough. At home you can help their learning by drawing and painting with them and telling them what you're doing. When you're writing lists or filling in forms let them have their own paper or forms so that they can make their own marks. Many of the children who are developmentally older are now talking about their mark making and telling adults what their mark making means. They now understand that writing is different to drawing and many of them are writing recognisable letters. Some of the children can write their own name or some of the letters from their name, and a few children are attempting to write labels for their drawings or other things in the Nursery School. You can help your child's learning by telling them what you're writing as you write a shopping list. Make a name card for their bedroom door or a placemat with their name on. Let them use these to help them try to write their name by themselves.

If you would like to read more ideas for supporting your child with learning to write then why not take a look at the CBeebies website:-

www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/its-not-just-scribbling-its-mark-making

Remember to value all your child's attempts at mark making - as it says on the CBeebies website- **It's not just scribbling it's mark making!**

School telephone number:- 0121 675 3408

We need your help!



If your child is still wearing nappies or pull ups please can you ensure that :

- They are wearing a clean and dry nappy or pull up when they arrive at Nursery school.
- There are plenty of spare nappies or pull-ups for your child in the bag on their peg
- There are plenty of spare clothes in your child's bag just in case they need to have their clothes changed too.
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Thank you.

Thank you to all those parents who regularly pay into our school fund.

Please remember to make a contribution to school fund each week.

If you are able to pay £1.00 per week this money really helps us to provide fruit juice and drinks for the cafe, cooking ingredients, and other extra resources.

Don't forget to bring snacks and fruit or vegetables for the café

Please can children in the **Bumblebees** bring in a few pieces of fruit, some vegetables or some breadsticks or crackers for the café this week?

Next week it will be the turn of the **Caterpillars** group.



Stripey's Breakfast and After school clubs

Breakfast club:- 7.30am until 8.30am - £4.00 per day includes breakfast.



After school club 2.30pm to 4.00pm - £6.00 (or 3.00pm to 4.00pm - £4.00) per day includes a snack.

Please ask at reception if you wish to book a place for your child.

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