

Spring Edition

January 2023

Dear Families,

On behalf of The Nursery Team at Castilion Primary School we are happy to welcome you back to school in 2023! We hope you have had a wonderful Christmas break and wish you a Happy New Year! We are looking forward to continuing our productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve the highest potential. As a learning community, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. There are lots of exciting opportunities and changes for our children this year, our plan is to aim high and work closely with you to achieve the best possible outcomes.

The Nursery Team

Calendar dates:

Inset day 10th February

**End of Term
Thursday 9th February**

**Half Term
Monday 13th - Friday 17th
February**

**School starts again
Monday 20th February**

**Easter Break
3rd April - 16th April**

**School starts again
Monday 17th April**



Subject Coverage

Communication and Language: We will be listening to longer traditional stories and try to remember much of what happens and talk about the stories. We will learn some traditional nursery rhymes. We will develop our skills to understand questions or instructions which have two parts.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: We will develop our social skills to play with one or more children and to extend and elaborate ideas. We will continue to develop the children's sense of responsibility and membership of the class and encourage the children to follow rules and to understand why they are important.

Physical development: We will continue to encourage the children to hold pens with a comfortable grip and to develop their pen control and mark making skills. We will continue to develop the children's use of one-handed tools such as developing their scissor skills to start to cut around shapes.

Literacy: We will encourage the children to write some or all of their name. The children will be encouraged to engage in conversations about the traditional stories and learn new vocabulary. We will be singing traditional nursery rhymes and try to develop the children's awareness of rhyme. We will be clapping the syllables in the repeated refrains of some of the stories and the nursery rhymes.

Mathematics: We will be developing the children's understanding of positional language and developing their language to describe size. We will start to describe the sequence of events in the traditional stories. We will also use the stories to talk about routes and locations.

Understanding the World: We will continue to encourage the children to talk about what they see. We will explore and talk about some different forces and talk about different materials. We will learn about Chinese New Year and develop the children's awareness that there are different countries in the world.

Expressive Arts and Design: We will encourage the children to make up more complex stories using the small world provision. We will do some activities which involve joining different materials and textures. The children will be encouraged to draw with more detail.



Please try to share versions of these stories with your child to support their learning this term.



We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that they:

- Attend school daily and arrive on time at 8.40am, ready for the day's learning experience.
- Share a book daily with you to develop a love for reading and to improve fluency and early reading skills.
- Share their school experiences with you so that you are aware of their school life.
- Do some of the activities from our Homework Menu with you at home. Thank you!



Miss Burge



Mrs Lovatt



Mrs Baker

Attendance and Punctuality

Do encourage your child to come to school every day unless they are really ill.

Remember frequent absences can seriously hinder your child's education. Arriving in school on time is also vital, as nursery starts at 8.40am prompt!! Please also collect your child promptly at 11.40am.

ClassDojo



Please remember to read the Class Stories on the ClassDojo app as we use this as our main messaging platform to inform you what we are doing in class.

School Uniform – (non-compulsory for nursery)

It is our belief that school uniform is an important aspect of the School's ethos as it gives the children a sense of identity and a sense of belonging.

We aim for the highest standards in all aspects of school life. I am sure you will agree that wearing the correct uniform gives clear and important messages to both the children and the local community regarding how we value our school.

(School uniform is not compulsory in nursery. If your child does not wear school uniform please ensure that they are wearing practical clothes which promote independence for when they use the toilet facilities.)

Belongings

Please make sure that your child's belongings (uniform, coats, water bottles) are clearly marked with their name, and are brought to school every day.

Please remember to bring in spare clothes for your child in case of accidents and to replenish them if they have been used.

We politely ask you not bring toys or food to nursery please.

Nut Free School

As we have several children in school who suffer from a severe nut allergy we have made the decision to continue forwards as a 'Nut-Free School' If your child has a nut allergy could you please inform our Senior Administrator Ms N Walford via the school office and their teacher as soon as possible. Although we are now striving to be a nut-free school, it will be impossible to provide an absolute guarantee that no nuts will be brought onto the premises.



Our topic this half term is

will have a traditional story as our theme which we will inform you of via ClassDojo. Our activities in nursery will be based on the traditional story.

Traditional Tales. Each week we

Don't forget to give your child a bottle of water to bring to school every day and a warm coat and hat in cold weather!

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Thank you for your support.