



Welcome to Nursery



A very warm welcome to Nursery from Mrs Timony and Mrs Fleet. Should you wish to contact us please email ntimony@reddings.herts.sch.uk and efleet@reddings.herts.sch.uk and we will get back to you as soon as we can. You can also make an appointment to speak with us over the phone by calling the school office.

The first term in Nursery is about settling your children into school and making that move towards independence .

The term will be about developing your child's confidence and learning how to develop positive relationships with new children and adults

Mrs Timony is in class every day except for Tuesday which is Mrs Fleet's teaching day.. Miss MacMillan, our Teaching Assistant, is in class all day, every day.

Your children will explore and learn through play based activities both inside and outside of the classroom that are based around both the needs and interests of each child.

We will spend the first few weeks learning the new routines of the classroom and getting used to the expectations of school as well as having the opportunity to have lots of fun.

As you can see, we are very busy learners in Nursery!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development :

This underpins everything that we do at Nursery and is particularly important this year as for some children it may be the first time in a few months that they have seen this many children, or have left parents before. We also know that for a lot of children any pre-school

This half term is all about developing the confidence to leave our parents and to give something new a go. We will be meeting new people, making new friends and learning the expectations of school.

Communication and Language

The focus for the term is on developing our vocabulary, both words that we understand and also increasing the words that we use. We will also be working on making sure that our speech is clear, and that we have the confidence to use it with adults and other children.

Literacy

We will learning new stories and rhymes and taking pleasure in hearing and recalling them. With such a lovely range of books in class, we will be encouraging learners to show an interest in books and the illustrations in them. We will be working on recognising our names so that we can self-register.

We will be also looking for a 'give it a go' attitude to mark making.

Maths

A lot of our maths in the first half term will be done through song, such as '5 little speckled frogs,' or '5 little ducks went swimming one day.' We will be making sure we are able to count orally, first to 5 and then 10, really getting to understand what the numbers mean. As we become more secure with our counting out loud, we will be encouraging children to count small sets of objects one at a time.

'Twinkle twinkle little star' is a great start for helping us learn about 2D-shapes.

Understanding of the World:

We will be making our own friends, but also thinking about special people in our lives and being able to talk about home.

We will be using the computer and using a mouse, something that in the age of tablets, is a skill a lot of learners have never had experience of.

Physical Development

Our main focus will be in developing greater independence in getting our shoes on and off, putting our coat on, as well as going to the toilet by ourselves. Please practise all of these very tricky skills at home so that your child will be ready to do them at school. We will also be getting children to start developing a tripod grip when holding a pencil or pen.

Expressive Arts and Design

We are going to be having fun exploring all of the new art resources on offer; painting, using sponges, using our fingers and our hands as well as doing lots of cutting. We may get very messy!

Home Learning

Reading— Children will come home with a book from our class library each week. If you could aim to read this, or other books, to your child 4 or 5 times a week, this will ensure they have lots of opportunities to learn about the structure of stories, characters and settings. When reading a book to your child, ask them some questions about what they have heard, talk about the pictures with them and try getting them to retell you the story, including their favourite parts!

Children will have their favourite stories which they will want you to read over and over again. As an adult, this can get very repetitive for us but this is the beginning stage of reading as children will be able to say the words along with you (and tell you when you miss bits out!) and as they do this, they are associating the print with words. With really familiar stories, start to point out common words or letters, eg. from their name, so that they begin to develop an awareness of letter sounds.

Ready to Learn

All children need indoor shoes and book bags and in school every day.

It is important they are also at school on time. Please ensure your children also have a water bottle in school every day.

We will provide a fruit snack and milk if they you have ordered it for them