



Nursery Newsletter

Cophthorne Primary School

September 2018



Welcome to a new school year.

We are so pleased with the way that our children have settled into their Nursery; thank you for the time that you have put into helping us with the children's transition days and welcome week.

Staff in Nursery are as follows:

Miss Beck- Nursery Teacher

Mrs Fuller- Early Years Practitioner

Mrs Khan- Nursery Nurse

Miss Bibi- Nursery Nurse apprentice

You and your child have been spending time at the beginning of the session with your child's Key Worker. This is the person who will know your child the best, and will have the strongest focus on your child's success in Nursery. However, all adults in Nursery care for and teach your child on a daily basis. Please feel free to speak to any of us if you have a query.

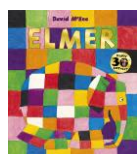


Session times

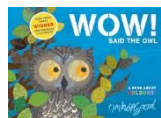
Can I please remind all parents that Nursery begins at 8:30 and 12:15. At 8:45 and 12:30 doors will be closed! After this time, the doors will NOT be opened and you will have to take your child to the office to be registered as late. Please make sure that you bring your

child to school every day to ensure they get their special golden sticker at the end of the week. Can I please remind parents that any holidays taken during term time will NOT be authorised. If your child is absent for more than 20 days consecutively, they will lose their Nursery place and it will be given to someone else on the waiting list.

When entering Nursery, please allow your child to hang up their own coat, choose their own book and then go and sit in their key worker groups. Please feel free to speak to your child's key person if you have any worries or concerns.



Our first core story this half term is *Elmer*. This is a very well-known book: you should be able to find Youtube videos, online games and resources for your child simply by typing 'Elmer' into your internet search bar.



Our Maths core story this half term will be *Wow! Said the Owl*. Please talk to your children about colours they see in your home, places you visit and in Nature. We will be naming colours and sorting objects by colour, as well as exploring colour mixing at our painting easel.

Library



Please feel free to borrow one book at a time from our library; this is situated in the cloak room. Please only take books from this bookshelf. We encourage your child to change their book as much as they would like. Sharing books at home is a good way to encourage children to become good readers. Please talk to your children about the books they bring home. Book bags can be bought from the school office.



In Nursery we offer the children the opportunity to play outside whenever possible. Most children enjoy outdoor play which provides a range of experiences not available inside.

As the weather turns colder please make sure your child brings a coat to Nursery. Please encourage your child to put their own coat on. It would help us if you could write your child's name in their coat. Children also need to wear black shoes or plain black trainers suitable for outdoor play.



Our topic for this half term is *We are all different*. We have launched the topic by reading *All About me*. You may have noticed the children's wonderful artworks are already hanging on the walls: they have been experimenting with mark-making and finding good uses for Creative resources. If your child brings a piece of work home, ask them what they made, how they made it, etc. Short conversations which recall the learning from the day will greatly improve your child's attachment to Nursery, as well as improving their speaking and listening skills.

We are currently teaching mathematical concepts through continuous play, for example asking how many blocks a child is using, or saying, "I have a big one, can you see a smaller one?"

Helping your child at home



Please encourage your children to dress themselves, including putting on their own shoes and coats. Encourage them to talk about the pictures they may draw. Please use our library to share a book with your child as much as possible.

And finally, please don't forget to let us know if your child is ill. You can ring us on **01274 501460**.

Please remember that children under 16 may not collect children from Nursery.

School breaks up for the half-term holiday on Friday 19th October and returns on Monday 29th October.

