

Early Year Unit: Nursery Newsletter-Summer 1

Welcome

Welcome back to Hazel Leys Nursery, I hope you have had a very well rested Easter break. I would like to thank all the parents for all their contribution last term and participating in our easter craft session. I would also like to welcome our new children joining us this term. We are very excited to get to know all of you and your new friends are very excited to meet you all.

We have been using Evidence me all last term please feel free to use it at home and share your children's accomplishments as we like to share them in class for all their friends to see. Thankyou once again and here's to another great term.

I have had a few parents asking how they can contact me. Please feel free to email me with any concerns or worries, my email address is bmoorhouse@hazelleysacademy.org

Thankyou,
Miss Moorhouse

Summer 1 focus

Our focus of this term is Animals and their babies. In this unit children will explore a wide range of different animals and will learn new vocabulary to name and describe animals and their offspring. This unit is a springboard for future learning in Reception when children study 'Growing and Changing' and look again at animals. Children will learn to say Kitten instead of baby cat so there will be a focus on vocabulary.

Phonics

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At Hazel Leys, we use the *Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised* scheme. In Nursery, your child will take part in daily phonics sessions which will encourage them to listen to sounds in words, such as the sound that their name starts with. This term we will focus on ck,e,u,r ,h,b and playing listening attention games. Please speak to Nursery staff if you would like to start taking some phonics sounds home to practice with your children but please don't feel like you have too as it is optional.



Literacy – Writing

During this term we will be doing our pencil grip activities. Looking at pinch fingers and how we hold a pencil. We



Literacy - Reading

I will be uploading weekly what books we have been learning about in Nursery.

Every Friday, your child will choose a 'Reading for Pleasure' book to take home. This is a book to be shared with the adults at home. By reading a wide range of books, your child will be emersed in storytelling and it will help expand their vocabulary.

Please bring the book in on a Thursday to be changed over and we will hand out a new book on a Friday.

We have reading groups every Friday. This is when the children can pick a book in key worker groups and have a discussion on the book to help children with their listening but to also develop their vocabulary.

will also be looking at mark making activities with different resources and materials. We will also begin to look at name writing for those children who are going up to reception.



Maths

We LOVE to count in Early Years, we count everything and sing lots of number rhymes to help us remember the order of numbers when rote counting. This term we will be focusing on accurate number recognition and will be looking at repeated patterns, asking the children to make their own patterns. We will also be looking at what number is bigger and what number is smaller.



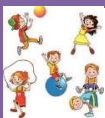
Communication and Language

This term we will be focusing on many ways to help the children to develop their vocabulary. We begin with Phonics to help the children with their communication. We will also sing nursery rhymes daily and will send a nursery rhyme home each week for you to practice at home with your child. We will also be reading a mixtures of topic books and reading for pleasure books within the nursery.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development



This term we will be looking at how to be a friend, why we come to nursery, being kind and sharing, telling an adult when there is a problem. Explaining my feelings to those of others. We will also be looking at school rules and how to form friendships within my class. We are really working on expressing our feelings and knowing the difference from right and wrong.



Physical Development

In Nursery, we will be practising ways to move, encouraging fine motor activities, such as using scissors, pencils, and cutlery, encouraging good posture when sitting at the table or on the floor and practicing ball skills. We also have dough disco every morning to strengthen our fine motor skills.

Our PE lessons will be on Tuesdays. This will be an opportunity for the children to go down to the track now the days are getting warmer.

Children are to come to nursery in clothes that allow them to move easily so they can take part in our PE sessions. E.G leggings/tracksuit and t-shirt.



Understanding the World

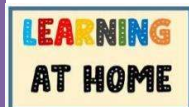
Children will learn that all animals have offspring (babies) but that not all animals look like their parents. They will compare a cat and a kitten before looking at a caterpillar and a butterfly to see a contrast. They will then study farm animals and will learn that some farm animals, such as lambs are born in springtime. Children will study the seasons again in Reception, offering another chance for them to secure their understanding. After learning about farm animals, children will move onto studying woodland animals such as badgers, foxes, owls, and hedgehogs.



Expressive Arts and Design

This term we will be doing a lot more junk modelling. Using cardboard boxes to make habitats and homes for the animals outdoors. Parents, if you have any spare boxes such as cereal boxes etc please feel free to bring them in for the children to junk model.

Thankyou 😊



Helping your child learn at home

- Share the 'Reading for Pleasure' book with your child.
- Encourage your child to put on their coats independently.
- Practice counting objects at home.
- Listening sounds in their name

 <p>RESPECT Each Other</p>	 <p>RESPECT Our Environment & Community</p>	 <p>RESPECT Yourself</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Skills Builder</u></p> <p>The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.</p> <p>Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities.</p>		



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically. We will also be introducing a star of the week just in nursery class for your child to share at home with you.

Children earn Dojo points for tidying, being a good friend, working hard and completing all of their jobs. Every time a child hits 100, 200 and 300 etc they get to go to the prize cupboard for all their hard work.

Class information

Class Teacher: Miss Moorhouse

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Clough and Miss Coupland

Please could all children **arrive at Nursery by 8.55am** as learning starts promptly at this time. The children who are late miss out on the start of our daily learning and disturb the children who have arrived on time. Our doors will open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am

Please remember to bring spare clothes in for your child as we like to do messy play indoors and outdoors, we can leave this bag at nursery and take home when you need to change the clothes.



Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask that you do not put anything in that contains nuts and to make it a healthy selection of food.

Please could we ask that your child **does not** bring any toys into school, including keeping them in their bags. We have lots of different resources in school that your child can play with during the day, so they do not need to risk breaking or losing their toys from home.

Please bring your child's reading folder in on a Thursday, we will change them on Thursday and hand them back out on Friday when your child goes home.

If your child does have a purple jumper, we do encourage to wear this in nursery as we do a lot of messy play.

Thank you again.

Dates for the diary!

- **Monday 15th April** – School reopens to pupils.
- **Monday 6th May** - Bank Holiday **School Closed**
- **W/C 20th May** – Parents' Open Sessions (Foundation Subjects) – days and timings tbc
- **Monday 20th May – Friday 24th May** – Sports Week
- **Friday 24th May** – School closes to pupils for half term
- **Tuesday 4th June** – Term 6 begins



