

St Paulinus

Nursery Autumn 1 Term Newsletter

September 2022

Dear parents,

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our returning families, as well as our new ones. We really hope the children have a joyful and productive year in nursery and we look forward to working with you all in a partnership in educating your children. We are very impressed with how the children are settling back in to nursery life and for the six new starters who are settling well too. They have all been very brave and we are enjoying getting to know your special little people. It has been lovely to watch new friendships forming and old ones being renewed.

Learning opportunities

This term we will be focused on settling the children in to the nursery routines and following their interests. We will also follow the themes of the year starting with Autumn and harvest. We will hopefully walk to Guisborough Woods soon to observe the signs of Autumn and to collect treasures for the classroom. Linked to the RE, we will be talking about our families and who looks after us.

Tidying up!

A key focus for the children in nursery is tidying up after themselves when they finish playing. This is very important for the children to learn. Please can you help us with this and get your children to do the same at home. As you can imagine, this will take time!

P.E

Much of our PE takes place in our outdoor learning environment where we have many opportunities to develop both fine and gross motor skills. We have lots of play equipment and we help the children to create assault courses. We also encourage lots of large scale art to develop gross motor skills. The children also experience a weekly yoga session every Friday. The children really love this.

Pound Fund

We have started the weekly pound fund again. This small contribution will allow us to provide really exciting additional resources to support the children. We cook or bake every week and try to take the children over the road to buy the ingredients in Sainsburys. We are also wanting to buy a new painting easel for the classroom. The tin will be placed by the door on a morning and any contributions will be greatly appreciated.

Should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us. Thank you for your support.

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Slippers and independence

The wearing of slippers in the classroom is working well. The children are trying very hard to get their slippers and shoes on and off independently. As independence is something we need to develop this year, it's really important that you assist us in this at home too. Please try not to put their shoes and coats on for them but rather help them.

Clear bags

All the children have a clear bag to bring in to school each day. They are getting really good at putting their creations in there to take home each day. The children also borrow a book each day to take home and read that night. We cannot stress enough, the importance of reading to your child every night. It improves the functioning of the brain and fosters concentration. It stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world around them.

R.E

Our current focus is 'Family' and how we are all special. Please can you send me a family photo to help the children describe who is in their family. We will also be creating a picture wall in our 'Home Corner'. Please can you send a photo of your child with their favourite toy.

Outside space

Thanks to everyone who has brought in a puddle suit and wellies. Our usual routine is that all children will have a session outside at least three times a week. In our outdoor space we are encouraging the children's curiosity of nature and developing physical skills. We are keen gardeners in FS and encourage lots of digging and planting. If any of you have any spare bulbs or little plants we will gladly take them off you.