



## Kingswells Nursery Newsletter

### Term 2 2018/2019

Welcome back! We hope that you had a nice October break and are refreshed and ready for another busy term in Nursery. Please watch our Spotlight on Learning films which highlight some of the learning that took place in the Nursery last term.

#### What are we learning this term?

In the morning session we are learning about our teeth and how to look after them after one of the pupils discovered that she had a wobbly tooth. The afternoon children have shown an interest in Woodland animals and hibernation. We will also be finding out about all the celebrations at this time of year including Diwali, St Andrew's Day and Christmas.

In **Literacy**, we will be focussing on how the children talk and interact with their peers and adults. We will be encouraging them to share their feelings, ideas and thoughts and to talk about their experiences especially as there are lots of celebrations this term and lots of exciting things happening outwith Nursery.

In **Numeracy**, we will be focussing on time, finding out about the days of the week, months of the year and talking about the different seasons. We will be using language such as before, after, yesterday and tomorrow. We will be looking at devices that measure time including sand timers, digital timers, clocks and calendars.

We are always keen to listen to the children's ideas about what they would like to learn about and encourage parents to share ideas with the nursery team.

#### Key Group Time

We are trying to maximise the time that the children have to play in Nursery, so we are changing the way we finish each session. In the morning, two key groups will play on each side and in the afternoon, we will close off one side of the Nursery. The children will still be able to play in the garden until the end of the session. We ask that parents and carers first, sign their child out, then go to get them from where they are playing. You are welcome to join them in their play for a while until nursery closes at 11.45 and 3.35. Please support your child to tidy up before leaving the nursery.

#### Forest Fridays

This term we will be going to the woods on a Friday. As the weather is getting colder please dress your child appropriately in warm, waterproof clothes and boots. If you would like to

help us there are sign up sheets in the cloakroom. Please check the whiteboard for details of timings for this term and for updates regarding the weather.

### Christmas Celebrations

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - All parents invited to a Christmas arts and crafts session which will include some singing from the children and some tasty snacks for all. Open session for parents to stay for as long as they wish.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Party

We hope to have a special visitor at one of the above dates, if it is during the party parents do not need to attend, we will take photos and share them with you via ILD. Santa is currently checking his schedule to see when he can come.

### Cloakroom/Clothing

Please ensure your child comes to nursery with suitable footwear and clothing for both indoor and outdoor learning. The children will be able to enjoy uninterrupted play in the garden if they are wearing waterproofs and wellies, so we encourage you to bring these every day, with all items named. We have spares for anyone who does forget. We ask that the children change into a pair of indoor shoes before coming into the Nursery.

Please remember to check the whiteboard in the cloakroom for updates and check your child's tray daily for letters and pictures.

### Drop off/pick up

A polite reminder that the children are dropped off within the correct times so that both the staff and children can get started with the day's activities in good time.

**Morning**      **Drop off - 8.35 - 8.50am**      **Pick up - 11.30-11.45am**

**Afternoon**      **Drop off - 12.25 - 12.45pm**      **Pick up - 3.10-3.35pm**

As nursery staff have a tight turnaround time between the morning and afternoon sessions and then only a short while to prepare for the next day after the afternoon session we ask you to kindly have your child changed and be leaving the cloakroom by 11.45am and 3.35pm.

### Nursery Safety

We appreciate that parking is difficult at drop off and collection times, however parents/carers are **not** permitted to park in the school carpark or on the access road to the side of the nursery (unless you are a blue badge holder.)

We kindly ask that you close the nursery gate after you enter and exit the garden especially as the children will still be playing in the garden at the end of the session.

### Staffing

There are lots of different faces in the Nursery this term. We welcome Miss Cosgove and Miss Docherty, teaching students from the University of Aberdeen who are with us for 4

weeks. Mrs Reid is training to be an Early Years Practitioner and will be in Nursery from Monday to Wednesday until the end of the school year. Mrs McAllan will join the team on a Tuesday as a temporary Early Years Practitioner.

**Dates for your diary**

Inservice Day - Nursery closed to all pupils - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November

PM Nursery to Tyrebagger Forest - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Nursery Parents Forum Meeting - 27<sup>th</sup> November 12.45pm

**Holidays**

Christmas Holidays -, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January (inclusive)

Term 3 starts on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

As always , if you have any questions, suggestions, comments or complaints please see myself, Mrs Burrows or a member of the Nursery Team or contact Mrs Cran (DHT)

**Thanks,**

**Mrs Rose**

**on behalf of the Nursery Team**