

# Nursery Newsletter

## Spring Term 1



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely break and the Nursery team would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a Happy New Year. This week, the children have settled well back into their classes and routines and we are looking forward to the exciting learning opportunities taking place this term.

As the weather is turning increasingly cold and wet, please provide your child with appropriate clothing. Remember that the children have access to outdoor learning throughout the year.

Please continue to check your child's clothing to ensure that their names have not been washed off and the staff will do their best to return their belongings to them if lost.

This half term, the children will be learning about topics based on Imagination and Make Believe. They will be answering the question, 'Where can our imagination take us?' We will be looking at stories such as: The Tiger Who Came to Tea, Zog, The Gingerbread Man and Room on the Broom. The children will have the opportunity to participate in various activities related to this topic. As part of the topic, we have invited a magician to come and perform for the Nursery children (date to be confirmed) and to end our topic on Imagination and Make Believe, we would like the children to dress up as a magical/mysterious character, for example: a fairy, a princess, monster, witch etc. We would encourage children to make their own outfits where possible. The date for this will be confirmed later in the term.

Please contact the Nursery Team if you have any concerns or would like support in helping your child with any aspect of their learning.

Thank you for your continued support.

### The Nursery Team

#### **Antigua:**

Miss Mahmoda Begum  
Miss Rejwana Begum  
Mrs Farha Patel

#### **Cuba:**

Ms Barbara Wilson  
Mrs Kelly Hannaford  
Mrs Assunta Di Crosta-Low  
Ms Yasmin Begum

#### **Barbados:**

Miss Mahmoda Begum  
Miss Rejwana Begum  
Mrs Farha Patel  
Mrs Kelly Hannaford  
Ms Yasmin Begum

### **Classroom Practitioners:**

Fay Rowland

### **Year Group Leader:**

Miss Mahmoda Begum

### **Lead Leader:**

Ms Barbara Willson

### **Deputy Head Teacher:**

Mrs Marie Hardie

**If you have any questions or concerns, please approach your child's key person.**

## Learning in the Nursery

Your child's learning takes place both indoors and outdoors with carefully planned activities developing their experiences through play.

Children are also involved in adult directed activities based on your child's interests covering all aspects of the **Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum**.

The children also learn through their own initiated activities when adults offer questions, ideas and additional resources to extend the children's thinking.

Your child will also be encouraged to join group activities including story time, circle time, PE and music.

## PE Days

**Antigua and Cuba: Monday**

**Barbados: Tuesday**



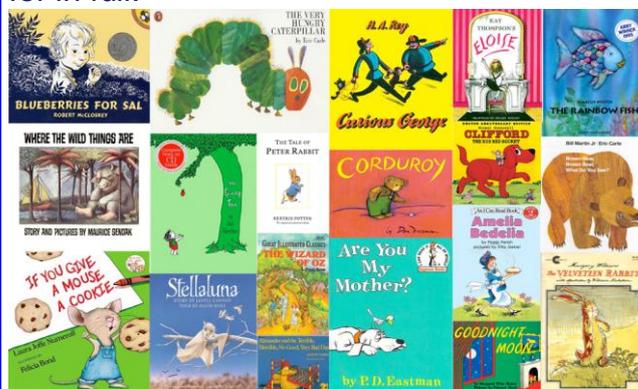
## Library Days

**Antigua and Cuba: Every Monday**

**Barbados: Every Thursday**

Brampton Primary School is a 'Love of Reading School', so please ensure that your child has their library book in their book bag on the appropriate day. Children must keep their library book at home until their next visit as we do not have the opportunity to change them other than on our designated day.

Unfortunately, any child with a book still at home will not be able to borrow a new book. Lost or damaged books will need to be paid for in full.



## Curriculum: This term's topics based on Imagination and Make Believe: Where can our imagination take us?

**PSED** - We will be talking about friendships and making good choices during play.

**C&L** - We are continuing to focus on speaking and listening and we will be encouraging the children to develop their questioning skills.

**PD** - This half term we will be focusing on developing gross and fine motor skills which will include the very important modelling of holding a pencil appropriately.

**Literacy** - We are continuing to build our knowledge of phonics. Knowing all the sounds of the letters in the alphabet is a key skill. We will also be exposing the children to many new stories, so that they develop a love of reading. We will be reading books such as: The Tiger Who Came to Tea, Zog, The Gingerbread Man and Room on the Broom.

**Maths** - Counting to 20, recognising 2D shapes and creating simple repeating patterns will be a key focus this half term. Please support this learning at home by asking your child to find numbers, shapes and patterns in the environment.

**EAD** - Many of our activities will involve the children in design and creative arts this half term.

**UW** - We will be looking at and talking about some of the things that the children have observed in their environment and shown an interest in, such as animals, natural materials and found objects. The children will be developing an understanding of different building materials and how they can be used.