

# Nursery Newsletter

## Spring Term 2



### 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.**

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back everyone to the second half of the spring term; we hope you had a restful break and are looking forward to the term ahead.

It seems that the nursery children have had a growth spurt over the holiday so if you have had to buy new uniform, coats or hats then please ensure they have your child's name written in them. This will help the nursery team to reunite children with their lost clothing.

As the weather changes over the coming months please dress children appropriately for the weather as children will have access to the outdoor area during each session. Wellies and raincoats will be required for rainy days and sunhats and sun cream for hot, sunny days.

Please ensure the children have a spare change of clothes in their bags in case of accidents.

This half term, the children will be learning about Mother Nature and answering the question: Why do things change? This will include looking at animals, habitats and plants. The children will have the opportunity to explore different types of plants and find out what they need in order to grow. We hope to be able to start growing and planting outdoors. We will be looking at stories about insects and stories about things that grow such as: Jack and the Beanstalk, The Very Hungry Caterpillar and non-fiction texts such as The life-cycle of a Chicken.

As part of the whole school topic of Mother Nature, the Nursery will have the opportunity to watch duck/chicken eggs incubating, hatching and growing as ducklings/chicks. As a result of this, the children will be able to observe the life-cycle of a duck/chicken first hand! We hope this experience will contribute to creating an awe and wonder school memory for all the children.

## 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**.

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 topic: Mother Nature**

This half term the children's learning will be based around the question – Why do things change? and the children will be looking at growing and nature.

**Personal Social Emotional Development** – The children continue to build on friendships and are working towards sharing and working cooperatively with each other.

**Communication & Language** – This half term, the children will be expanding their vocabulary by looking at words and phrases related to the core books and topics they are studying. We will be encouraging children to talk in sentences.

**Physical Development** – This half term we will be promoting safety awareness when using the apparatus in the early year's playground by talking with children about how to use the climbing equipment carefully.

**Literacy** – The children are continuing to learn new letter sounds. We will also be working on the pre-reading skills, such as oral blending and hearing sounds in words.

**Maths** – This half term the children will continue to focus on counting, shape and measuring. We are also introducing simple problem solving activities such as addition and subtraction problems.

**Understanding the World** – The children will be participating in planting seeds and caring for their plants. We will be observing and investigating how plants grow.

**Expressive Arts and Design** – We will be making props to support role-play and the children will be encouraged to retell our key stories. The children will also be encouraged to improve their drawing skills.