

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 our families a Happy New Year. Our Nursery children have made a great progress since September and we are all looking forward to the challenges this term will bring.

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 reading lots of different fairy tales and explore some of the stories in more detail, such as: Jack Frost, Gingerbread Man, The Princess and the Pea, Sugarlump and the Unicorn, Billy and The dragon and stories about Superheroes. The children will have the opportunity to participate in various activities related to this topic.

2023 - Year of the Rabbit. We will be reading a Chinese new year story and learn how it is celebrated. We will also take part in our very own Dragon dance parade in the park.

As you know, outdoor learning is an essential element of the Early Years Curriculum. Once again, we ask you to ensure your child has a warm coat and labelled wellington boots all of which can withstand the robust nature of outdoor play. As the weather has become colder you may choose to bring labelled hats, scarves and gloves to school. If your child can not yet put on and fasten up their coat, we would like you to help them practise this at home.

Towards the end of last term we saw an increase in the number of toys being brought into Nursery from home. Can we please ask that all toys from home are no longer brought in. Some toys are not suitable for our younger children and also it can cause issues if the toy is lost or the child does not want to share their possession from home.

We are looking forward to seeing your child at nursery every day! If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home until they feel better and the fever has resolved.

Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.

When your child is absent from school, please ring and inform the school office.

The Nursery Team

Antigua:

Mrs Ruta Plauskaite
Ms Sarah Neale
Mrs Renitha Ramdass
Mrs Kelly Hannaford

Cuba:

Ms Barbara Willson
Mrs Sandhya Regmi
Mrs Salma Bosor
Mrs Kelly Hannaford

Barbados:

Mrs Ruta Plauskaite
Ms Sarah Neale
Mrs Renitha Ramdass
Mrs Kelly Hannaford

Dominica:

Ms Barbara Willson
Mrs Sandhya Regmi
Mrs Salma Bosor
Mrs Kelly Hannaford

Classroom Practitioner:

Mrs Rehana Ahmed
Mrs Yasmin Begum

Year Group Leader:

Mrs Ruta Plauskaite

Phase Leader:

Ms Barbara Willson

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

Dates for this term's educational Visits

Friday 27th January – Dragon Dance Parade at Brampton Park

Thursday 2nd February – Magic Show

Parental Involvement

Books for Breakfast/Lunch starting Friday 20th January - more information to follow.

PE Days - The children do not need PE Kits in school as we will just take our socks and shoes off.

Antigua and Cuba: Friday

Barbados and Dominica: Tuesday



Reading

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.

Antigua: Monday

Cuba: Tuesday

Dominica: Wednesday

Barbados: Thursday

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.

Reading Records with books should be returned every **Wednesday**.



Curriculum This term's topic: **Imagination and Make Believe: Where can our imagination take us?**

C&L- Children develop sustained listening skills, through learning rhymes and listening to stories. We encourage the use of questioning, to find out more, such as "why" and "how" and "who" and "when". In talking, we want all the children to feel confident enough to make contributions to discussion in a group and to listen to others.

PSED- We will be talking about friendships and making good choices during play. The PSHE Jigsaw topic **Dreams and Goals**. It includes goal-setting, aspirations, who do I want to become and what would I like to do for work and to contribute to society.

PD- This half term we will be focusing on climbing and balancing on different equipment. We will be also learning to control a ball in different ways.

Literacy- The children will be joining in with rhymes and repeated refrains. They will be developing their ability to write through mark-making activities. The children will start learning RWI Set 1 sounds.

Maths- Our focus will be on number – counting, matching numbers to sets and using numbers in our play. We will be playing lots of counting games and singing number rhymes. In meaningful contexts, children will be learning to make comparisons between objects relating to size, length, weight and capacity.

UW/RE- Exploring images of familiar situations in the past. Expressing our likes and dislikes. Learning about Celebrations in our community, such as Chinese New Year. Using different equipment and tools, we will explore how things and will be encouraged to talk about different forces we can feel.

EAD- Focus on cutting and scissor skills. Begin to draw conclusions from trial and error about which joining methods and materials work best.