

St Mary's Nursery School

January Newsletter



"Do not keep children to their studies by compulsion but by play." - Plato



Admission to Primary School 2021-2022

Please note that the applications for any Education Authority school must be submitted on the Education Authority website by 12.00 noon on Friday 29th January 2021.

Admissions to Nursery School 2021-2022

Applications for next year's Nursery intake must be submitted by 12.00 noon on Friday 29th January 2021. We have a wonderful video tour of our Nursery School available on our website. Please advise friends or relations with a child due for Nursery School of these details. Thank you.

Dinner and Snack Money

Any money already paid for the first week of term will be carried forward to when children return to school.

Road Safety Awareness topics

This month our topic is safety around fires on these cold winter evenings.

Curriculum Matters:

Maths for the month –

This month's colours we are looking out for are white and blue. This month's shape is the rectangle. Please encourage your child to observe their environment in particular for these shapes and colours.

You can help develop your child's pattern recognition skills in preparation for the patterns in numbers.

Topics for the month -

This month's topics are Winter and Pets. The seasons are excellent topics to teach through. It allows us to heighten the children's observational skills by looking at their environment, discussing the changes and having an awareness of the passing of time. Winter also allows discussion on melting, freezing, capacity and containment. Through stories and rhymes you can enhance your child's vocabulary.

The theme of pets can also be explored through discussions, stories, role-play in a pet shop and the use of puppets.

Talking Tip

Help your child develop good language and communication skills with this tip:

Increase your vocabulary by giving choices,
eg "Do you want juice or milk?".

You can help your child at home by ...

- Spending time reading stories to them daily, some activities - asking them questions, letting them retell you the story, but mostly just enjoying the story!
- Nurturing your child's awareness of their environment - talking about the weather - snow/frost/ice, how the trees/plants/gardens present in Winter.

*And lastly,
the staff would like to wish everyone a very safe and Happy New Year!!!*

**HAPPY NEW
2021
YEAR**