



Nursery Weekly Newsletter - 1st April

What an egg-citing week we've had in the Nursery getting ready for Easter. 'The Night Before Easter' truly captured the children's interest as we thought about how we celebrate Easter and shared our own experiences with one another. The children were thrilled to discover lots of easter eggs in the garden with numbers 1 to 20 which were hidden for the children to find. This prompted lots of number recognition, discussion around numbers and children making marks to record the numbers they had found. We finished our week with a visit from the Easter bunny and a surprise Easter egg hunt!

As we head towards the summer term we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to congratulate each of the children for their efforts and the progress they have made on their learning journey so far. We are incredibly proud of the Nursery children and all they continue to achieve. We would also like to say a big thank you for your donations of playdough ingredients, gardening resources and junk modelling materials; we are very grateful! Wishing you all a happy and enjoyable Easter from the Nursery team!

Please see below a brief summary of what your child will be up to during the first week of the summer term along with some additional reminders. If you have any questions, please email office.hisn@hpp.school and we will try and get back to you as quickly as possible.

Tuesday 19th April

- We will begin a new topic all about 'The World Around Us' when we return after Easter.
- In maths we will be working on shapes and their properties. To support this at home, encourage your child to notice and describe shapes in the environment and talk about the properties using words such as 'straight, flat, round, curved'. Can you go on a shape hunt around the house to see what shapes you can see?
- In phonics we will move on to exploring voice sounds. During the first half of the summer term will work on the children's ability to tune into sounds, listen and remember sounds and talk about them too.
- The children will be taking part in a Dance and Drama workshop.

We will be supporting the children in:

- Recapping rules and routines in our classroom/garden
- Taking responsibility for our belongings and where things belong in our environment
- Managing our toileting needs independently
- Learning how to use our words to express our feelings and needs
- Developing our friendships across the Nursery
- Recognising their name independently and learning how to write it
- Recognising numerals and different representations of numbers
- Learning how to resolve conflicts



- Developing strategies to regulate their emotions



Our focus story for the first week back is 'Welcome to our World'. The book tells us about different cuisines, ways to say hello, traditions and places we have learnt about around the world.

Where have you been in the world? Who did you meet? What did you do?

Time to talk: As our new topic focuses on the world around us and some families may be going away for the Easter holidays we invite you to talk with your children about the world around them; people you know; places you have been; what you did with those people in those places.

Some important information and reminders:



Amazon Wishlist: We would like to say **A BIG THANK YOU** to our Nursery families for the items we have received so far from our wishlist. The children have already begun to benefit from the resources you have purchased and we are so incredibly grateful to you for supporting us in improving the children's learning experiences at school. There are a number of other resources left on our wishlist so if you would like to support us further with this please speak to the Nursery class representatives. Thank you.

- **Spare change of clothes:** Please can **all parents send in a labelled, spare change of clothes to be kept in your child's book bag**. Unfortunately the spare clothes we have at school are not being returned and therefore when a child needs changing we do not have the right clothing for them. Providing clothes from home also ensures that the child feels more comfortable as the uniform/underwear actually belongs to them and fits them correctly. Please speak to a member of the Nursery team if needed.
- **Sensory/messy play resources:** Playdough is a regular part of our Nursery provision each week. We have currently run out of the following ingredients: salt, vegetable oil, food colouring. If you are happy to donate any of the above we would really appreciate it. Thank you.
- **'The World Around Us':** With our new topic starting after Easter we would really appreciate donations of anything travel related. This could be any of the following: old travel tickets, holiday brochures or old travel books, old sun hats or sunglasses, flags or posters relating to different countries.

Change of Pick Up:

- Please ensure that you email the office and also speak to a member of the Nursery team if your child is being collected by a different adult or going home

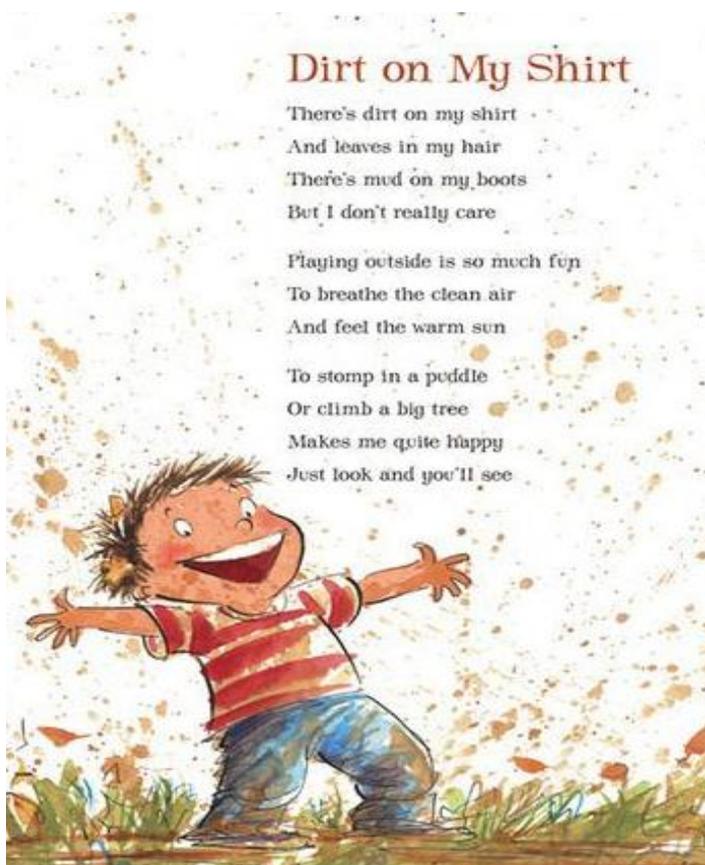


with another child. This also applies if your child needs to be collected early from school.

- We also ask that you ensure the person collecting is old enough to be collecting a child from school.
- The children's safety is paramount to us so a member of staff may ask who someone is if we do not recognise them.
- Please keep an eye out for your child when they are dismissed and come to greet them when they leave the Nursery premises.

Thank you for your support and cooperation with this.

- **PE:** Just a reminder that our Nursery PE sessions are every Tuesday. Please ensure your child is wearing trainers and the appropriate clothing for PE.



Play in the Nursery: Play is a fundamental part of our approach to Early Years here at Hampton Infant School and Nursery. We offer the children opportunities to explore, get messy, make, create, move, discover, experiment, talk and more. Our mud kitchen, sand and water provision are popular places in our Nursery and offer a huge range of learning opportunities. Your child's clothing may get wet, dirty or a little messy in the process of learning but it helps to show you what your child has been engaged with and learning whilst at Nursery. We thank you for your support and understanding in this.

- **Borrow a Book:** Just a reminder to please ensure that your child does not put their water bottle into their book bag. A number of our books have returned wet or damaged. Please also encourage your child to handle their book with care. Books are to be returned **every Thursday** so that we can provide your child with a new book each Friday. Thank you.
- **Junk modelling materials:** If you have any of the following junk items we would love to make use of them in the Nursery and recycle them into wonderful models.
 - kitchen roll tubes



- tin foil boxes
- toothpaste tubes
- shoe boxes
- any other cardboard container (except food packaging)

Please note that we are unable to take any food boxes or wrappers.

- **End of the day pick up** - We ask that when you are collecting your child you wait along the wall beside the Nursery gate and then move over to the railings when the child you are collecting has been called so that they can clearly see the adult picking them up. This helps us to ensure that the end of session dismissal runs smoothly and the children find their adult with ease.

Please ensure you drop your child off on time at the start of the Nursery session as this is key to helping them settle for the morning/afternoon and is important when helping your child adapt to the Nursery routines.

Things to bring to school:

- **A pair of wellies** - we ask that each child bring a pair of wellies to school (labelled with their name) which will be left at Nursery so that during the wet months the children have appropriate footwear whilst in the garden.
- **Water bottles** - please make sure these are named and are filled with water instead of juice. We ask that the children do not put these into their book bags as they may damage any letters, pictures or books which may be inside.
- **Raincoat** - just a little reminder that your child comes to school with a coat, (even if it is a pack-a-mack!).
- **Red School Book bag**

Please ensure all items listed above are clearly labelled