



Nursery Weekly Newsletter - 27th May

Platinum Jubilee celebrations have taken over the Nursery this week as the children have really enjoyed learning about Queen Elizabeth through our Little People, Big Dreams book. The children were interested in finding out about Buckingham Palace and looking at a map of where it is in London in relation to our school. Castles and landmarks also sparked the children's interest and formed the beginning of many wonderful conversations. Alongside this we also made decorations, decorated biscuits and helped to contribute to an art display commemorating the Platinum Jubilee that can be seen outside the school. We also had a go at drawing portraits of the Queen and one of her corgis. The week ended with a fantastic celebration day involving a parade and a very special treat in the form of something sweet. We hope you and your family have a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing you all after the holiday.

Please see below a brief summary of what your child will be up to during the first week back after half 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.

Week beginning 6th June

- Our topic after the half term will be 'Holidays'.
- In maths next term we'll be exploring three concepts; length, weight and capacity.
- In phonics we'll move on to look at oral blending and segmenting. We will be modelling to the children how to blend orally and playing lots of games to support this. At home you may wish to model this too - for example when giving an instruction you could segment the last word into separate sounds and then blend them back together to say the word, "It's time to get your c-oa-t." It is very important to enunciate the sounds very clearly and not to add an 'uh' to some (e.g. 'sssssss' and not 'suh', 'mmmmmmm' and not 'muh'). For additional support on how to say the sounds please click [here](#).
- Our Expanding Our Vocabulary (EOV) words for this week are: seaside, pollution, holiday.

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 after half term is 'Clem and Crab' by Fiona Lumbers. Clem is an explorer, a collector, a protector of the seas! Whilst treasure hunting on her beloved beach, she stumbles across Crab, his claw stuck in a plastic bag. The book explores how little things we can all do to keep the beaches clean can make a huge difference to the environment.

What might you see at the beach? What could you do to help keep the beaches clean?

Time to talk: An idea this week is for you to talk about a trip you or your family have made to a beach. Are there any photographs that you can look at? What can you see?

Some important information and reminders:

- **Friday 10th June:** Nursery will be closed in order to relocate the Nursery classroom. Please see the letter that has been sent out to you for further information, thank you.
- **Rain coats:** Please ensure that your child comes to school with a raincoat each day. This can be a thin waterproof or pac-a-mac. The children spend a lot of time outdoors learning in the garden and therefore need a waterproof particularly as the weather can be incredibly unpredictable.
- **Sensory/messy play resources:** We have currently run out of salt and vegetable oil for making playdough. If you are happy to make any donations we would really appreciate it. Thank you.
- **Warm weather:** As the weather starts to improve we ask that every child brings a sunhat to school with them, preferably one which also covers their neck if possible. Please also apply sunscreen before the session. We spend lots of time out in the garden and want to ensure the children are protected in the sun. Please ensure their hat is clearly labelled. Please do not send sunglasses in as these can cause injuries should your child fall whilst running or playing. We would also like to remind you that children should bring a labelled bottle of water to Nursery every day, especially during the hotter days. Thank you for your support with this.
- **Parent Support:** Karen Finnegan is our wonderful family support advisor here at the school and has a wealth of knowledge and expertise in supporting families on



a wide range of topics such as bereavement, toileting or behaviour at home to name a few. If you would like to speak with someone or feel that you would like some advice please feel free to contact Karen using the following contact details: kfinnegan@hpp.school.

- **Labelling belongings:** Please be reminded to label all of your child's belongings including cardigans, jumpers, hats and water bottles. We often find that we have items with no name on them and this makes it difficult for us to return them to the correct home. We appreciate your support with this.

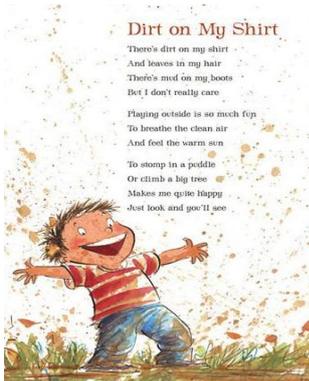


Amazon Wishlist: There are a number of other resources on our wishlist which we would love to be able to add into the Nursery provision. If you would like to support us with this please speak to the Nursery class representatives. Thank you.

- **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.

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 pac-a-mac!).
- **Red School Book bag**



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Please ensure all items listed above are clearly labelled