



CHALONER PRIMARY Nursery Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and a particularly warm welcome to our new children and their families. We hope you have had an enjoyable summer and that the children are ready to start their new topic, 'All About Me'.

This half term we will be working on settling the children into nursery and exploring our nursery routines, we will have a particular emphasis on sharing and learning to work together.

We will be finding out how to stay healthy and about cleaning our teeth and we will begin daily tooth brushing with the children. We will explore our topic through fiction and non-fiction books and through a range of activities and discussions.

Books are available to take away and share with your child. Signing them out is easy and it will give you a chance to talk about the pictures, what may happen next, the characters in the story and the settings. You will receive a stamp each time you take a book and once you have filled your reading passport you will receive a voucher for the Chaloner School book shop!

We look forward to working with you and your child this half term and the coming year and thank you for your support! As always if you have any questions please speak to one of the team.

Areas of Learning

Communication, Language and Literacy

The children will begin their Phonics work this half-term which will include listening games, songs and activities. We will continue to provide opportunities for purposeful mark making within the areas, also recognising and beginning to write our names, particularly looking at the initial sound that their name begins with.

Through our Literacy activities, all children will have daily opportunities to listen to stories and share non-fiction books. We will be talking about characters, sequencing stories and making predictions about stories. We will use a range of texts this half term including: My family, I am Special, Titch, Oliver's fruit Salad, My home, My senses, Similarities and differences, and Looking after ourselves.

We will be learning and singing lots of nursery rhymes and encouraging children to enjoy rhyming activities as an essential part of their early literacy development.

This half term's topic is: All About Me!



Maths

Opportunities for children to begin to learn to count using number names in the correct order, initially to 5, will occur daily. This will be through a range of practical and play activities and learning number songs. We will also be learning to recognise "their" numbers—3 and 4 - through discussion about birthdays and related play activities. We will be looking for children to use mathematical language in their play and reinforce this through activities such as language relating to size and shape—big, small, round etc.



Physical Development

We will work on both small and large motor control. Children will have daily opportunities to move around outside, negotiating space and controlling their movements. We will also do daily movement songs inside to encourage children to develop a healthy lifestyle and gain control over their body's movements. Our climbing frame outside is also helping us to develop confidence, strength and balance. Practising our smaller motor control will include a range of daily activities that will develop our fingers and get us ready for writing!

We will discuss ways to keep our bodies healthy including independent use of the toilets and trying different foods.



PSED (Personal, Social and Emotional Development) is a large part of daily nursery life. Through this we will focus on sharing, taking turns, playing well together and looking after ourselves and each other. We will continue to encourage children to develop new friendships and work with others within the areas.

Understanding of the World

Children will have many opportunities to talk about themselves through the use of their, "Summer books", and through daily speaking and listening sessions. Children will be encouraged to talk about their family and things that interest them. The children will have opportunities to use desktop computers and interactive whiteboards.

We will also explore the world around them and look at naming body parts.



Expressive art and Design

The children will have creative opportunities daily to explore the topic this term. Through paint, play dough, glue and other media, children will explore and expand their knowledge and understanding of themselves by making self portraits, making models of their homes and creating birthday cards and making collages of nursery rhymes alongside other child initiated activities.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 3rd October—Parent's Evening

Monday 22nd October—Individual Children's Photographs

