



## Foundation One (Nursery) Newsletter - January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to the start of an exciting new term in Nursery! We are pleased to see that the children have returned to school happy to see their friends and us and eager to continue with their learning.

Sue (Nursery teacher) and Nadia (Nursery Nurse) will be in class each day. Nealam (Teaching Assistant) will support teaching and learning on Tuesday afternoons as well as supporting children during lunchtimes every day.

Our topic this term is called '**A Story Unfolds**' which focuses on the **Understanding the World** and **Literacy** areas of learning. Throughout the topic, children will begin to understand that the local area has a historical story to tell and they will also get to know some traditional tales.

We will learn about the Cutty Sark and how it travelled to faraway places. To make this as meaningful as possible for the children, we will go on a local walk and look at some of Greenwich's landmarks. We will also read traditional tales and sing some nursery rhymes. We will learn how to retell a story through drama and drawings and by sharing our own personal experiences. To help us engage further in the world of books and stories, we hope to visit the National Maritime Museum to take part in an interactive session that takes us on a journey through one of our favourite books - 'We're going on a Bear hunt.'

Our learning this term will also continue to support the other areas of learning in the Foundation Stage: **Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development, Communication and Language Development, Mathematics and Expressive Arts and Design**. Please see the Curriculum Overview for more details.

**Reading:** Children are encouraged to take home books from our book corner. They have book bags which they can keep at home for a week and return on *Monday* so that they can choose a new book to take home. Please share these books with your children, ideally reading and discussing them for a short time every day.

**Drop-off and Pick-up:** The Nursery day begins at 9.00am when children line up with staff and friends on the playground. Children who regularly come to school after 9.00am miss important morning routines which can be unsettling. We therefore appreciate your support in arriving on time. Please arrive just a couple of minutes before 9am and join the line once Nadia and I come outside.

Similarly, we appreciate your support in arriving on time when collecting your child as being late can cause distress for small children. Morning children are collected from the Nursery gate at **12.00pm** and children who stay all day are picked up at **3:00pm** from the main playground.

**Snacks:** The school provides children with fresh fruit and milk each day. Please ensure your child brings a reusable water bottle to school every day, clearly labelled with their name, so they can also help themselves to a drink of water whenever they feel thirsty.

**Clothing:** Please dress your child in weather-appropriate, easily-managed clothing which you don't mind getting messy as - although the children do wear aprons - paint, glue, clay and other materials may get onto clothes. All children are encouraged to experiment and explore a range of activities which are set out each day.

All clothing should be clearly marked with your child's name. Please also provide a spare change of clothes in a bag, to be left on your child's peg in case they are needed.

Many children have learnt how to put their coat on independently and we would appreciate your support in helping them to gain further independence when dressing and undressing, particularly when going to the toilet. Clothing with easy fastenings will help.

We spend lots of time outside! Closed-toe flat shoes (ideally with Velcro fastenings) allow children to climb and play safely.

**Communication:** Please continue to check our weekly whole school newsletter for important information throughout the term and updates about what we have been learning. Some of our learning will also be on show on our school instagram account - @meridianlearns.

Should you ever wish to speak to us to discuss any aspect of your child's school life, we are around after school for a quick chat. If you would like a longer appointment, please contact the office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Sue James (Class Teacher) and the Nursery team