

Nursery Learning Letter

Summer 2



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Welcome back!

We hope you had a lovely half-term break, and are feeling ready for the last half-term of Nursery. Time has really flown! This half-term, our topic is *In the Garden*, and we have lots of exciting activities planned for the children. We will also be preparing the children who are moving up to Reception through stories and visits to Reception, alongside various other transition-themed activities. We will send you more information about this closer to the time.

Dates for your diary

- June - **Pride Month**
- Thursday 6th June - **Empathy Day; Year 1 assembly**
- Friday 14th June - **Year 3 assembly**
- WB 17th June 6th - **Arts week**
- Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th June - **Class photos**
- Wednesday 19th June - **National Writing Day**
- Friday 21st June - **Windrush Day**
- Wednesday 3rd July - **Reception assembly**
- Friday 5th July - **Sports Day**
- Friday 12th July - **Reports home**
- Saturday 13th July - **PTA Summer Fair**
- Thursday 18th July, 4pm-6pm - **Open Evening**
- Wednesday 24th July - **Play Day**

Routines

Outdoor learning - On warm and dry days, we are happy for children to attend forest school without their waterproof clothing. Please, however, continue to provide your children with wellies on these days. Just a reminder that we attend Forest School on **Tuesday mornings** and **Friday afternoons**.

Indoor-PE - We will be continuing our PE sessions from the first week back, on **Monday mornings** and **Thursday afternoons**. Please remember to send children to school wearing their PE kit, which consists of a navy or black shorts/jogging bottoms, a white polo top/t-shirt, and trainers.

Our Topic: *In the Garden*!

This half-term, our topic is *In the Garden*. We will be learning facts about a wide variety of minibeasts; exploring the school grounds in search of minibeasts; thinking about the types of plants that we may find in our gardens and on our school grounds; and we will be spending a few weeks focusing on bees! To kick off the topic, we will spend the first week back reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. We will continue to learn new Makaton signs each week, starting with 'caterpillar'. Don't forget to ask your children to teach you the new words and signs at home!

If you have any books related to the topic of *In the Garden* at home that you are happy to share with us, please bring these into Nursery and let one of the Nursery team know.

Maths

We will continue to send home learning links home with your children at the end of each week that relate to the maths learning of that week. Please engage with these activities at home with your children. If you have any questions about the home learning, please do not hesitate to ask Miss Kavanagh for help or advice.

Family wall

We still have space on our family wall, so please bring in a photo of your lovely families for us to stick up. This wall is a great way for your children to be able to see your faces whilst they're at Nursery! You can bring in a printed photo or email it to us - (k.kavanagh@fairlawn.lewisham.sch.uk).

Weather

As the weather has become warmer and drier, please ensure your children apply sun cream at home, and bring a sunhat with them to Nursery. We also ask that children wear clothing that covers their shoulders.

Book bags

Just a reminder that we will change the children's books every **Wednesday**, so please make sure that your old books and your child's reading record are in their bookbags on this day. We won't be able to send new books home until the previous books have been returned.

Other Curriculum Areas

We use Development Matters to inform our assessments and observations of the children. If you would like more information, please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/development-matters--2> for the full document.

Contact

If you'd like to talk to us about anything at all, please approach a member of the Nursery team during drop off/pick up times, or send an email to Miss Kavanagh - k.kavanagh@fairlawn.lewisham.sch.uk.

Best wishes,
The Nursery Team