

Our Nursery Newsletter



Dear Parents / Guardians,

Friday 5th October 2018

The children have been busy this week with mark making. The children drew a picture of themselves and wrote their name to go alongside their picture, they are now on display within the Nursery. This activity demonstrates the stage your child is up to in their mark making, this is recorded within their Learning Journey Book and we can then monitor the progress of this. It is also noted how your child holds the pencil and finger gym activities can be planned from this so that eventually your child holds the pencil correctly ready for more formal writing activities in Reception next year.

Within the small world area, staff spend time listening to children and the stories they tell as they play with dinosaurs, cars, rockets and so on. This helps us to assess their speaking and listening skills and also links to reading and their ability to tell a story. Staff also record storytelling they hear the children use in the role play area of the classroom. Progress is then monitored over the year from the child's starting point to when they leave at the end of the year. This evidences also the children who regularly listen to stories. The more language and vocabulary the children listen to and use in their early years has a massive impact as they get older. A story at bedtime is a perfect way to end the day.

We have also talked about the seasonal changes at this time of year to encourage the children to think about the world around them.

In nursery we encourage the children to be as independent as possible especially with putting on and taking off of coats. Please encourage this also at home. Lots of children can already manage on their own which is great so we are now supporting them with fastening zips and buttons but again your support with this in encouraging the children to have a try themselves will really help.

A reminder that the school photographer will be in school on Monday 8th October. If your child does not attend Nursery on this day you are welcome to bring them, wait with them whilst their photograph is taken and then take them back home again.

Enjoy your weekend and we look forward to seeing you all back in nursery next week. Don't forget **The Giants** are back visiting Liverpool. We have talked to the children about these very special visitors so hopefully you may get the chance to go and see them.

Nursery Staff

