

Peter Rabbit Nursery Newsletter: October 2023

Starting Nursery

We are so proud of how the children have all settled into nursery. Our existing children have remembered the nursery rules routines well and our new children are quickly getting the hang of things. Well done guys!

We would also like to thank all the parents for helping the children settle in the morning. We would like the children to gain a little independence so please encourage them to find their own name and hang up their coat. The new bags are working really well and we will only send these home if your child has had a change of clothes or they are in nappies. Otherwise they can stay on their pegs.

School Applications

If your child was born between 1/9/2019 and 31/08/2020 then it is important that you start thinking about applying for schools. Many schools will be starting to advertise their tour dates on their websites. If you need any support then please speak to us or follow the link below for more information.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and->

Our Curriculum

At Peter Rabbit Nursery we have written our own curriculum and progression map looking closely at where are children are currently working and what their individual next steps should be. Our curriculum and progression map are based on the Development Matters document and the Montessori principles.

We will have a huge focus on reading this year and will focus on a new text every week or two. We hope to ensure children develop a love of reading and see reading as a pleasurable experience. We are also aiming to boost vocabulary by introducing the children to more adventurous words and using them in our everyday play. This week we talked about the words 'cautious', 'courageous' and 'considerate.'

Children are never too young to start their journey with books, and the benefits of reading are enormous.

Ideas to encourage reading at home...

All the children at Nursery love snuggling up in the book corner with a good book and story time is one of the most popular times of the day (after lunch obviously!)

Here are some simple tips that can help encourage children to enjoy reading for pleasure:

- Read to your child for at least 30 minutes a day. This could be in the bath, cuddled up on the sofa or in bed.
- Sing songs and recite poems that have repetitive rhythms. Repetition makes it easier for your child to pick up on the patterns in the sounds you make.
- Model good reading yourself. Children need to see that reading is something everyone can enjoy. Good excuse to put your feet up for a bit!
- Visit your local library regularly.
- Follow your child's lead. Reading should be pleasurable, if they are not interested right now then try again in a couple of hours.
- Have a selection of books available around the house. Rotating books so different books are on display can keep it exciting for children.

Pick Up Times

Please ensure that children are collected promptly at the end of the day. You are welcome to collect earlier if you wish and do not need to wait until exactly 3pm. If you do arrive to collect please ensure you press the doorbell as we often can't see if parents are waiting at the front door.

Thank you for your support with this.

Term Dates

Please visit the website to ensure you have the term dates. We break up for half term on Friday 20th October and return on Monday 30th October.

<https://www.peterrabbit-nursery-burpham.co.uk/copy-of-current-parents>

Reminders:

Please ensure all items (especially coats and water bottles) are clearly labelled.

Water bottles should only contain water. Please no juice or squash. Children have the choice of milk and water at snack time.

If you are using the 30 hours funding please ensure you are aware of the deadline for the application. For more info please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>. This link contains all the information parents need regarding the 30 hours funding.

Stay and Play Sessions

We will be holding Stay and Play sessions at nursery during the **week beginning 6th November**. We will be inviting a few parents in each morning between 9am and 10am to come and play with us! These sessions will hopefully give you an insight into our morning routine.

We will also be holding sessions on early phonics and early maths as the year progresses.

There will be a sign-up sheet in nursery next week so you can book your slot

Whatsapp Group

We will be starting a whatsapp group for parents. This is a social group so parents are able to make contact with each other and arrange playdates, nights out etc.

Please can all queries and questions about the nursery still be sent to the nursery email address: peterabbitburpham@gmail.com. All group communication from the nursery will still come through Tapestry.

To add you to the whatsapp group I will need a completed permission form. If you have not received one of these then please speak to one of the teachers.

Getting to Know You Meet Up

On **Friday the 20th October** we will be meeting in the play park at 2pm. You are more than welcome to come along, have a play and meet the other parents. If your child already attends nursery on a Friday afternoon and you are unable to make it then the teachers will bring them along to play with their friends (pick up for these children on this day will be from the park.)

There is absolutely no expectation for you to attend but if you would like to then please let one of the teachers know so we can make a note of who to expect. There may be a sweet treat for all the children!