



NEWSLETTER 7

19th October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our learning during this last week before half term has been centred around Perseverance. We have been teaching the children that Perseverance means, 'keep on trying' and 'try, try, try again'. You may have heard your child repeating these phrases at home this week; we would encourage you to continue to use this language at home as it really is a life skill and will help your child as they progress on their learning journey.

By reading the traditional Aesop fable, The Hare and the Tortoise the children began to understand how we should try to be like the tortoise in our learning, even when learning becomes tricky. We have also been preparing items for our Perseverance display, printing with hexagon and octagon shapes onto tortoise outlines making sure we covered all the 'white space' and celebrating what we can already do by completing an 'I can...' picture.

As you use the vocabulary of perseverance at home during half term, you could make a list of all the activities your child persevered doing on a Proud Cloud so that we can add it to their Learning Journeys. We have added some Proud Clouds to this email for you to print if you need them.

Also this week we have completed our Creation Story by learning about how God created mankind. Our Reflection areas in nursery show our learning and understanding of the Creation Story and remind the children of this important Bible story.

We are very excited to be joining in with the whole school project, Take One Picture, when we return after the half term break. This year the painting we will be studying is by Georges Seurat and is called 'The Eiffel Tower'. We will be making our own version of this painting including an Eiffel Tower. We will also include a French theme during the week and will learn the nursery rhyme Frere Jacques. We will also be teaching and making the following activities; counting in French, making French flags and tasting a small selection of French foods. We will be looking closely at the painting during the week and talk about the style in which it is painted, Pointillism. We will be asking the children to express their ideas and feelings about the painting and using various media to recreate the picture in nursery including a programme on the Interactive White Board and using cotton buds dipped in paint.

Notices

Please remember tomorrow, Friday 20th October, is a whole school INSET Day. The last day of this half term is today Thursday 19th October. The children will return to school after the half term break on Monday 30th October.

In line with the whole school, we will be arranging parents meetings during the 2nd week back after half term, the week beginning 6th November.

*Woodhurst parents meetings will be held on **Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th November** between 3.15pm and 5pm on both days.

*All Saints parents meetings will be held during the nursery sessions **throughout the week beginning 6th November**.

Both nurseries will have a sign-up sheet for you to add your name at your preferred time slot after half-term.

We are looking forward to sharing how well your child has settled at nursery, the progress they have made and how you can help them continue their learning at home.

If you are having a sort out during the holidays, we are always grateful for donations of good quality toys, paper and creative items for artwork and creations that the children make and take home! Please speak to a member of the nursery team if you feel you have items to offer, thank you.

As always, if you have any questions or queries regarding your child's learning at nursery please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the nursery team and we will endeavour to help you.

We wish you all an excitable and enjoyable half term and look forward to seeing you all after the break.

Kind regards,
Mrs Burgisser, Miss Dick and the Nursery Team.

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NEWSLETTER 6

13th October 2017

An ideal lunchbox

The Essentials

Vegetables: carrot, corn, peas or cucumbers.

Fruit: Fresh, or tinned fruit in natural juice

Dairy: Cheese, Yoghurt (natural or fruit)

Protein: slice of meat (chicken, beef), beans

Carbs: bread, roll, fruit bread or crackers

Drink: Water or Milk

(Some fruit juice could be too sweet)

Avoid;

Chocolate and chocolate bars

Potato crisps

Sweet drinks

Doughnuts and cakes

Lollies and chocolate spread

Allergies;

Egg – including egg products e.g. quiche

Nuts – including peanut butter, Nutella