



WEEKLY PARENT NEWSLETTER – Pre Nursery 21 April 2014

Messages

- **Sports Day** – April 28 beginning at 9am, this will be a morning event.
- **Indoor shoes** – Over the next term we would like to phase in all children having separate indoor shoes for school. We kindly ask that all parents provide their children with a change of shoes for indoor play, these can be kept in their cubbies and put on once at school. Children will then change into their outdoor shoes for outdoor play. Providing your children with a pair of comfortable slip-on (with back) indoor shoes helps to keep our Cubs area cleaner whilst ensuring your child's comfort and safety.
- Thank you so much for your cooperation with our new end-of-day routines for half day children. It has made the process a lot smoother and more secure. Please note that we open the doors at 12:45.
- We are all enjoying the spring weather, the sunny days and the rainy days. We like to be prepared for everything so we would appreciate if you could send in sun hats along with rain boots (wellies) and a raincoat. Please label all items with your child's name.



Learning Theme of the week – Oliver's Vegetables

We will continue our Farm theme and start exploring vegetables. The children have been busy planting seeds and doing a great job looking after the plants, re-potting them and watering them. We will read the book **Oliver's Vegetables**. Oliver plays a game with his grandpa. Whatever vegetable Oliver finds in the garden, he must eat. On Monday, he pulls up carrots, on Tuesday, it is spinach. We will explore vegetables in class with the children and we will touch, smell and taste them. We will make a vegetable soup.

Communication and Language

We will be exploring and talking about vegetable and their seeds. We will encourage the children to ask and answer questions, including who, what, where, when and why. We will also support the children in using more complex sentences including a range of tenses.

Vocabulary: seed, grow, root, leaves, flower, why, how, because

Literacy - Mark making

The children will draw pictures of their favourite vegetable. We will encourage them to talk about why they chose that particular vegetable and to describe it. What colour is it? What shape is it? What does it taste like?, what does it smell like?

Vocabulary: pepper, cucumber, pumpkin, squash, tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, mushrooms



Communication and Language

- Uses simple sentences.
- Uses a variety of questions
- Learns new words very rapidly and is able to use them in communicating.
- Understands more complex sentences, e.g. 'Put your toys away and then we'll read a book.'
- Understands 'who', 'what', 'where' in simple question
- Beginning to use more complex sentences to link thoughts
- Uses a range of tenses (e.g. play, playing, will play, played).
- Questions why things happen and gives explanations. Asks e.g. who, what, when, how.
- Beginning to understand 'why' and 'how' questions.

Literacy - Mark making

- Distinguishes between the different marks they make
- Sometimes gives meaning to marks as they draw and paint.

Mandarin

We will read the book 'Oliver's Vegetables' in Mandarin and talk about the different names of vegetables and how we can ask for something in a shop.

Vocabulary: vegetable-shu cai, cucumber-huang gua, mushroom-mo gu, pumpkin-nan gua, pepper-la jiao, broccoli-xi lan hua.

Please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Many thanks again.

The Pre Nursery Team.