



Weekly Parent Information Newsletter – Nursery 10 November 14

Important Notices

- Please be aware that this week will be a four day week. **SCHOOL IS CLOSED on Friday 14th** and will reopen on **Wednesday 19th November**.
- **Thank you** to all the parents who came in for Book Week last week, the children really enjoyed sharing stories with you and were thoroughly engaged in the stories and all the activities that surrounded them.

Themed Learning – The Weather



This week we will be starting a whole new theme related to 'Weather'.

As we start to head through autumn into winter we will remind ourselves of the heat of summer and start thinking about the freezing cold of winter.

Communication, Language and Literacy;

We will be exploring the theme of weather through a range of books, both fiction and non-fiction; to extend the children's vocabulary and help them describe different weathers.

Key Vocabulary;

Summer, Winter, Spring, Autumn, hot, cold, temperature, sun, rain, windy, snow, storm, freezing

Mathematics;

The children will have the opportunity to role play in a clothes shop, buying clothes for trips to various destinations, such as the snowy mountains or the beach. They will need to pay for the clothes; this provides a great opportunity for counting carefully and recognising numerals. Role-play is also a great chance for the children to work together, take turns, extend their language and share their own real experiences.

Key Vocabulary; size, big, small, count, how much?, clothes, words, trousers,

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Expressive Arts and Design;

The weather can be noisy and we will be exploring the sounds the weather makes, listening to clips of the wind and rain as well as making our own weather sounds with instruments and our bodies. This will extend into movement as we invite the children to move to the sounds of trees in the wind, waves crashing on a beach, thunder & lightening or a howling snow storm. The weather theme will also extend to the outside area as the children move with streamers and play games with the parachute, both wonderful ways to develop pre-writing, gross motor skills and have fun.

Key Vocabulary;

Weather words, sound, quiet, loud, rustle, whoosh, crash, band, pitter-patter, drip drop,

Understanding the world:

Linking closely to our creative work we will be looking at ice and thinking about how it changes and why? The children will work with ice balloons to explore and experience how ice changes. The children will also experiment with colour mixing and create colourful works of art by rolling marbles dipped in primary colours to create secondary colours.

Key Vocabulary: cold, ice, freeze, melt, heat, warm slippery, wet, hard, mix, colour words, mountains, desert, beach,

Phonics

We will be continuing our phonics program, practising a range of skills, including listening to different sounds, remembering and identifying sounds, including initial sounds of words, and sound discrimination. *And of course lots of weather sounds too!*

Mandarin

We are going to talk about weather this week.

Key words: cloudy “阴天” sunny “晴天” snowy “下雪” rainy “下雨”

We will read these stories together 太阳感冒了 *The Sun is Sick*; 今天天气怎么样 *How's the Weather Today?*; 天气预报 *The Weather Forecast*; 雪孩子 *The Snowy Child*. Have you every read these at home?

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

Thank you for your support.

The Nursery Team.