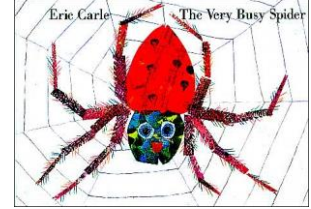


Families Newsletter for Nursery- Summer 2nd half term

We have had lovely Summer 1 half term learning about growing and planting through our core story Titch.

After the May half term holidays we will start to focus on our next core story 'The Very Busy Spider.' You can see overleaf for a selection of activities we will be learning in nursery and how you can help at home for the term.



There will also be a summary of learning that will be taking place each week in Blue Group, for which you can help your child at home on a weekly basis so there is a continuation of learning from nursery to home each week. An example is the 'Sign of the Week' which you can practice at home with your child. **You can find this summary on the Blue Group door.**

We have introduced 'Signing in Sheets' for children to make marks as they come in for registration. Both parents and children have enjoyed this experience so we will continue to implement this. It will encourage early literacy skills and pen grip. Thank you for your support.

If you would like to view the early year's curriculum it can be found on the internet at <http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/Development-Matters-FINAL-PRINT-AMENDED.pdf>

Just a few reminders - Morning nursery registration is at **8.45am to 9.15am** and nursery finishes at **11.45am**. Afternoon nursery registration is at **12.15pm to 12.45pm** and nursery finishes at **3.15pm**. Please make sure your child is at nursery on time and that he/she is collected promptly. We will only dismiss your child to parents or other adults over 16 of whom we have been informed.

Please remember to inform school of any change of address, home telephone number, mobile telephone number or any other emergency contact information.

You can contact school in the following ways:

Telephone: 01274 722070

Fax: 01274 743926

Email: office@abbeygreen.org

It would be helpful if you would ensure your child(ren) have a good night sleep and have breakfast/lunch so they are ready for their session at nursery. We provide a light snack at nursery. **Snack money** will be £3 collected each half term.

Nursery will re open on Wednesday 7th of June. On Thursday 8th of June nursery will be closed for the day to accommodate as a polling station for the General Election. Children should return to nursery as normal on Friday 9th of June.

Ramadan Mubarak to those of you who will be observing fasts during the next few weeks. We look forward to welcoming you back after the holidays.

Thank You

Blue Group Families Newsletter

Summer 2nd half term Wednesday 7th June - Friday 21st July

Area of the Curriculum	What the children will be learning in nursery	How can Parents help
Personal, social and emotional development	<p>Learning to look after resources and toys and put them back when finished using them.</p> <p>Interested in other's play and start to join in.</p>	<p>At home encourage your child to tidy away their toys and belongings when finished with them. This helps develop a sense of respect and care for their own items and those of others. Your child will develop a healthy routine and it give them a sense of responsibility. Praise them for their efforts.</p> <p>Play games encouraging taking turns, sharing.</p>
Physical development	<p>Begin to use tripod grip Practice drawing lines and circles using gross motor skills and/ or random marks.</p>	<p>Provide pens, paper and pencils at home for them to draw and make marks and help them learn how to hold a pen.</p> <p>For outdoors provide buckets or pots of water, brushes, sponges, etc so they can make marks on different surfaces.</p>
Communication and language	<p>To listen to the story with increasing attention and recall and fill in missing words, repeat phrases/refrains Listen to the noises adults make when they read stories.</p>	<p>Share books and stories at home ask your child questions and encourage them to talk about what happens next?</p> <p>Use the link below to listen to our core story: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dz05diaKZmk</p>
Literacy	<p>Distinguish between marks they make</p> <p>Hold books correctly, turn pages and look at books independently</p>	<p>Look at marks, signs and symbols in the environment and talk about what they represent.</p> <p>Read with your child for a minimum of 10 minutes every day.</p>
Mathematics	<p>Use number names in play</p>	<p>Visit Cbeebies numtums http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/numtums-numtum1 Count that number of e.g. steps, cushions, spoons etc. at home.</p>
Understanding the world	<p>Learning about minibeasts - Looking for minibeasts in our growing area.</p> <p>Continue learning about families and friends</p>	<p>Share your family photos and videos at home. Talk about any special occasions such as, birthdays, weddings, holidays. We will appreciate if you can share some photos with Blue Group. You can bring them in after the holidays or email them to the following address: jahanara.begum@abbeygreen.org We will use the photos in the classroom to make displays and books for our children to share with staff and peers.</p>
Expressive arts and design	<p>Learning to use representation to communicate e.g rolling a long piece of play dough and saying it's a worm and Drawing a line and say that's a spider.</p>	<p>Make play dough at home and let your child create what they want. Show an in interest by encouraging them to talk about what they have created. (Play dough recipe attached)</p>