



St Martins School Nursery Newsletter

Autumn Term 2017

A very warm welcome to the children who have just started with us this term – **Cerys, Keya, Amelia, Olivia, Jenson, Miya, Rupert, Evie, Ella, Noah & Rubie.**

They have all settled really well and are eager to explore what the Nursery has to offer!

What are we up to this term?

This term we will be working slightly differently in the Nursery than we did last term. We will be trialling an approach known as '*in the moment*' planning.

This way of planning involves allowing child initiated, real time, learning through play, based on capturing the interest of a child at the current time.

We will be carefully observing the children and looking for opportunities to seize the moment when a child shows a level of interest and curiosity that can be drawn out and then enhanced and built upon. We call these '**teachable moments**'.

Each week we will have 'focus' children who will be observed more closely to see how they learn and to help us provide experiences that will enhance their learning. We will be sending out a sheet for you to fill in if your child is to be a 'focus' child for the week. This sheet will give you an opportunity to ask us about your child's learning and also for you to tell us a little about what your child does at home.

We are looking forward to working in this way and hope that you will support us in this.

Forest School

We will be starting Forest School in a couple of weeks. The sessions will be held on a Monday afternoon and a Friday morning. You will be receiving a letter soon about what you need to send with your child on a Forest School day.

Other things the children will be doing:

Having opportunities to find out about Harvest, printing with vegetables, making bread, learning Harvest songs.

We will also be encouraging the children to notice the changes in the season as we move into Autumn/Winter.

They will be engaging in activities that will help them hear sounds, rhyme and

We will be modelling the writing process to the children by doing some daily writing as a whole group.

By doing this we hope to encourage the children to do their own writing through their play.

Developing their counting skills through daily counting opportunities. We will be counting how many children are in the Nursery each day and finding out how many boys and girls there are.

We will be giving the children strategies to help them count larger number of objects as well as beginning to recognise numerals they didn't know before.

Tapestry

We are now in our 3rd year of using our online learning journey Tapestry. We have found it a really valuable resource in sharing with you what your child is doing when they are in Nursery. All children should now have their own learning journey set up for them and all parents who have given permission should be able to access their own child's account.

If you have any problems with accessing your child's learning journey, please speak to a member of the Nursery team.

There will be a Tapestry meeting for new parents (and those who would like to refresh their knowledge) in the next few weeks.

If you have any questions about anything in this newsletter or Nursery in general please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the Nursery team who will be happy to help you.