



St George's Mini Dragons Nursery



Newsletter

Welcome to a new school year! We are delighted to see our wonderful nursery children back in the classroom, and to offer a very warm welcome to the new starters as they join the St George's family. Everyone is settling into school beautifully and you can be very proud of your children. We are excited to work together to provide a supportive, welcoming environment in which your children can thrive - learning, growing and playing together. Please do not hesitate to catch us before or after school if you have any questions or concerns: we are always here to help.

Mr de Koning and Miss Jacques

Reminders

Please could we ask that children bring in:

- a pair of black indoor plimsoles to wear inside.
- a drawstring PE bag with a spare change of clothes inside, in case they need them. No backpacks please as we don't have the space for them.
- a named drinks bottle containing water. We will have a snack during the morning of milk / water and a choice of fruit or vegetables provided by school.
- Raincoats with hoods each day.
- shoes that are safe to climb in every day e.g. trainers or school shoes (no Crocs, sandals or wellies). This allows all children to play outside regularly and safely (including on the castle).
- Wellies to be kept at school for wet days.

Curriculum

We offer a broad curriculum covering many areas of learning in each session. However, we plan to focus on these specific areas on the following days:

Monday - Writing and creative development

Tuesday - R.E

Wednesday - Reading

Thursday - Number (maths), Fine Motor

Friday - Understanding the world

Learning

Our focus for this half term is getting to know the children, developing their friendships and settling them into the Nursery classroom. The children are doing really well at beginning to choose their own activities and following the routines. In addition to this, we will be learning about:

Traditional Stories

Ourselves and our names

Our family and their names

Our facial features

Our senses

Reciting, ordering and writing numbers to five

Comparing the size of different objects and

learning the correct mathematical language

Patterns around us, both in the natural world and on clothes, etc

Counting rhymes (e.g., *One, two buckle my shoe; One potato, two potato; Once I caught a fish alive*)

Keeping in touch

Tapestry is an easy to use, online, learning journal. We use it to communicate with parents and jointly create a record of your child's learning. It is now back up and running and allows us to share with you the daily achievements and experiences your children have here at St George's. Please also add to this yourselves: we love to share in their progress. Learning is a team effort! If you have any difficulty logging on to your child's account - please come in to see us.

Early Reading and Phonics

St George's has invested in a new phonics and reading scheme called 'Success for All'. We are busy enjoying our daily phonics sessions and will be focussing on the sounds we hear in the environment around us this term. Please continue to read stories to your children at home every day.