



22nd September 2017

Dear parents and carers,

What we have been learning

It has been lovely to see the children settling into Kindergarten so well. The children have particularly enjoyed the wide range of outdoor play and creative activities. We hope that you have enjoyed seeing what the children have experienced daily on our digital photo frame.



What we will be learning this term

We are going to have a focus each week which will allow the children to practice and make progress in a particular skill. Our first skill will be mark making, which includes drawing and early stages of writing. The children will have the opportunity to engage in a variety of mark making activities throughout the week including drawing in sand, shaving foam and glitter, painting outdoors and using clipboards.

Learning Journeys

Each of the children has their own 'learning journey' folder in their blue drawer. Their learning journey is a record of their learning throughout the year and is made up of photos, observations and artwork. Please do have a look when you can. If you would like to take the folder home please just sign it out on the sheet above the drawers, please do add any artwork or photographs too. The children are encouraged to access the learning journeys whenever they like and reflect back on the things they have enjoyed at Kindergarten.

Outdoor Area

Work is due to start on our new Kindergarten area on Monday 2nd October and we are very excited about it. We will have some all-weather flooring, an undercover area, a water butt and mud-kitchen area. I have put some design plans of what the area will look like on the parent's notice board in Kindergarten.

Harvest Festival

Parents are invited into Kindergarten on either Tuesday 17th October or Wednesday 18th October (2.30-3pm) to join us for our Harvest celebration. The children will be doing some singing, storytelling and showing you their artwork. Please sign up on the sheet in Kindergarten or email and we will add your name. If your child does not normally attend Kindergarten on either a Tuesday or Wednesday you are welcome to come along for the celebration with your child.

Links with home

- Please help yourselves to the blue and yellow achievement slips which are by the register where you sign in. Your child is also welcome to bring in any photos, certificates etc. to share at carpet time.
- We welcome any parents or relatives to come into Kindergarten to share skills or interests with the children. Please let Mrs Howie know if you would like to come in.
- I will regularly be updating information on our Kindergarten webpage so please have a look. www.ckis.org.uk The Kindergarten page can be found by clicking on 'Classes' and then 'Kindergarten'.
- Please ensure that we have your correct email address as we usually send information by email rather than handing out paper copies in line with the school 'Eco' ethos. Please speak to Mrs Russell if you need to confirm email details.

Requests/reminders

- Please remember to name all items including water bottles, snack pots and clothing, the children do not always remember which is theirs.
- We encourage the children to try and put their own coats on and would be grateful if you could do the same at home. A method which we find works well is to get your child to put their hood on first and then stretch their arms around to put in the sleeves.
- Please do not include any nut products in your child's packed lunch, including peanut butter due to some of our children having nut allergies.
- Please check the board above the register as you come in as this is where receipts, invitations etc. are displayed ready for collection.
- We have a small number of available sessions throughout the week. If you are interested in adding any more sessions please let Mrs Russell know before we offer them to children on our waiting list.

Please remember that I am always available if you have any concerns or queries.

Gemma Howie

(Lead Practitioner)