



Nursery Newsletter - Term 3

A Happy New Year to all our nursery families. We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas break. We have several new children joining nursery this session and would like to extend a warm welcome to them and to their family. We also have a new member of staff, Vicky McHale, who joined us in November as part of the Modern Apprentice programme.

Last Term

Last term the children enjoyed celebrating Christmas. Activities included making our Christmas cake, singing Nativity songs to our parents/carers, our party with our special visitor and a FaceTime chat with Santa.

Throughout the term the children showed an interest in a variety of different topics including volcanoes, beauticians and the dark. We have found out about volcanoes from books and the internet, made volcanoes in the sand and even had an exploding volcano in the sand. In the beauty salon, staff and pupils have had their make-up done, their nails painted and their hair done too!

Children have been out and about in the community. A group of children sang and did a craft activity with residents at Springfield Bank Nursing Home, other children visited Vogrie Country Park to find signs of autumn and a group went to Dobbies to buy our Christmas tree and some new decorations.

Mark making continues to be very popular across the nursery with children planning their structures in the block play area, others writing menus and taking orders from staff and children, and many writing Christmas cards and letters to Santa.

This Term

This term we will look at winter as our back drop theme. Amongst other things the children will have opportunities to explore freezing and melting, to observe the weather and hopefully to play in the snow! We will also continue to follow children's interests when planning.

Rhyme of the Week

This term we plan to introduce a rhyme of the week. Songs and rhymes have a hugely positive impact on a child's language and literacy development. Children love rhyme, rhythm and repetition. These three things found in songs and rhymes can naturally help to boost a child's language and literacy skills.

We will share our rhyme of the week with you so that you can sing it at home too.

Library

This term children from the nursery will visit the library at Lasswade High School.

We would also like to start a nursery lending library. If you would be willing/able to help with this venture, please speak to a member of the nursery team.

Transition

It won't be long until we start the transition process for children starting in P1 in August. Last year we had: playdates, meet the teacher and meet the buddy for pupils, a reading meeting, 'Coffee and a Chat' and a general information meeting for parents, and a 'Step Up' assembly performed by our current P1 pupils for parents and children.

We would like to review this process with a group of nursery parents to ensure that we are meeting the needs of all our families. If you would be interested in being part of this group please let a member of the nursery team know.

The Nursery Team