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Nursery News – Summer Term 2021

Dear parents / carers,



We have had two amazing weeks in nursery. We have been fascinated by our fast-growing caterpillars and we have been learning about the life cycle of the butterfly. We have been reading and retelling 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' story and we have tried to invent our own story using different types of food. The caterpillar in our stories has eaten chicken legs, burgers and fries, spaghetti and pizza as well as healthier options like cucumbers and bananas. Ask your child to tell you the story as they should be confident by now. They all love the part about the poor caterpillar having a tummy ache.



In the following weeks we will be learning about bees, how important they are for our plants and planet and how we can help them survive. The school value for this term is responsibility, so we will be learning about the creation story and the fact that we need to take care of nature and everything around us. We will be focusing on recycling and how we can do our bit, even if we are small, by using refill bottles, sorting our garbage and trying to reduce the use of plastic. We will teach the children to show responsibility towards the nursery and the toys we have, by using them gently, sharing and tidying up; responsibility in our play by playing nicely, including everyone and by admitting when we are wrong; responsibility towards our belongings by putting our coats on the pegs, using aprons when painting and making

sure we have all our things when it is home time; responsibility towards our garden, by watering the plants and being gentle with the minibeasts we find. We will have a responsibility chart in the class where we will give stars to the children acting responsibly and by the end of the week they will receive stickers and certificates. We ask you to teach your little one responsibility at home too. They can be responsible for tidying up their toys or room, playing nicely with their siblings or other easy chores they can do around the house.



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For Personal, Social and Emotional development we have started a program called Jigsaw and the topic for this term is relationships. We will have a carpet session once a week based on our families, our role in our family, how to make friends and how to keep those friends, how to speak for ourselves and stand up to peer pressure, how our words can help and encourage or upset and break friendships.

Jigsaw is used throughout the school aiming to prepare children for life, helping them really know and value who they are and understand how they relate to other people in this ever-changing world.

We will put more 'WOW' cards in their bags next week. Please write on them and send them back when your little one does something that impresses you at home. It can be as little as putting their toys away, sharing with their siblings, helping you with the groceries or as big as retelling a story or writing their name. We want to celebrate their achievements and they like being called in front of the class and cheered for.



We want to ask you to label all the school uniform and send your little one with spare clothes in their bags. We have been using the school's supply and we are running low on socks and underwear, so if you have any item of clothing from school, please send it back. We have to wash every item again and store them for 72 hours, meaning we have to rotate everything and have fewer items available. Also, being in the summer term, hopefully the weather will get better and the children will need water bottles, labeled hats and sun screen.



We also want to remind you about getting the little ones into a routine and into bed earlier. They are very busy at nursery so a good night's sleep and a nutritious breakfast/lunch will help them keep up with the busy day ahead. Thank you for all your support. We are always here for you, so if you have any questions or worries, send an email or give the office a call and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Take care and stay safe!

The Nursery Team