



CROSSENS NURSERY SCHOOL

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The children, staff and governors extend a very warm welcome to new children and families who have joined us since half term. We are looking forward to another busy half term!



LEARNING

CHALLENGE BOOKLETS

Thank you to all those who returned their learning challenge booklets.

The adults working with the children really enjoy looking at the things you have been working on and enjoying at home. It supports us to gather information about your child's learning and we hope that it helps you to support your child's learning at home.

Advice for Parents about supporting children to stay safe online

Even though at this young age children generally access online activities under the supervision of their parents, NOW is the time to think about how you will support your child to remain safe online. The following is taken from the NSPCC Website which contains a wealth of information on this subject and we strongly recommend that you visit the site to learn more.

Talking to your child is one of the best ways to keep them safe. You can also use parental controls on social networks, online games and browsers and on both hardware and software that can filter or monitor what your child can see.

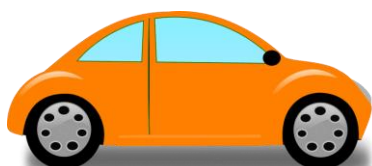
Preventing your children from using the internet or mobile phones won't keep them safe in the long run, so it's important to have conversations that help your child understand how to stay safe and what to do if they ever feel scared or uncomfortable. Further information can be found at:

www.nspcc.org.uk

PARKING

This is a very busy site, housing 4 schools and with two of them being special schools, there are frequent visitors e.g. health professionals.

When dropping off or collecting your children please **DO NOT** park on the school site.



Spare Clothes

If your child has been sent home in clothes belonging to the Nursery School please could you return them as soon as possible – our supplies are running low!

School Governors

Our Nursery School Governors met earlier this term to review the work of our school. Governors look at children's attainment and progress and the work of the school to support this.

This year we are working on the following things:

- ✓ Implementing and monitoring the impact of the new Early Years Foundation Stage framework.
- ✓ Developing and implementing a Professional Development Programme for all teaching staff
- ✓ Continuing to promote the highest standards of behaviour; supporting children to develop as confident, independent and resilient learners
- ✓ Giving safeguarding the highest priority
- ✓ Reviewing the curriculum to ensure it is sufficiently broad and balanced to meet the needs of the cohort.
- ✓ Continuing to extend the impact of the school to include other school and nursery settings within and beyond Sefton.

What are we learning?

In literacy, the children have been practising their 'key letter shapes' and thinking about how they relate to some of the letters they may be beginning to recognise. We have also been thinking about traditional tales, in particular 'The Little Red Hen'.

Some of the children retold the story using our 'floorbooks' (large books illustrated with images from the stories that they can use to recall, retell and adapt stories) and thought carefully about the sequencing and order of events.

In maths, the children have been practising and developing their counting skills, whilst also exploring quantity, different aspects of shape and using our number poems to recognise and form numerals.

Signalong:

The children have been working hard with their signing over the last few weeks and are slowly building up a bank of useful signs for key words and phrases that they can use in their everyday work. So far we have looked at greetings such as 'hello', 'goodbye', 'good morning/afternoon', our good commands, our hello song and we are now starting to think about signs for our different groups. Soon we will be learning about signing the initial letters at the start of our names and the surnames of staff.

Look out for videos on our website showing you how to sign these yourself so that you and your children can use them at home.

Nursery Rhymes:

Nursery rhymes are incredibly powerful influencers in preschool development. Phonemic skill development gained from nursery rhymes has even been scientifically shown to significantly improve reading, spelling and other literacy skills (Harper, 2011)

We have been singing some of our favourite rhymes at nursery:

'Row, row, row your boat', 'Twinkle, twinkle little star', 'Baa, Baa, black sheep' ...and many more.

Ask your child which rhymes are their favourite!



Staffing:

We are sad to announce that Mrs Midgley will be leaving us at the end of term to take a new direction in her career. Mrs Midgley will be sadly missed and we all wish her well in the training for her new career.

We are pleased to announce that we have recently recruited to the post of teaching assistant within our 3 and 4 year old provision. The new member of our team will start in the coming weeks.

There is a vacancy for a Level 2 Early Years Teaching Assistant on a Zero hours contract. Please contact a member of the Admin team for further details by Midday on Monday 22nd November.

Please also see the attached letter from the Head Ms Teasdale & Chair of Governors Mr Sarbutts regarding leadership changes at nursery school.

Important Dates

Christmas Performance: 20th and 21st December 2021

Parents Evening: 8th December 2021

Christmas Party Day: The party will take place on Wednesday 22nd December, if this is a day that your child does not attend Nursery and you would like them to take part in the party then please contact our admin team to ensure we can accommodate them.

Jen Teasdale *Headteacher*