



Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to our newsletter,

I do hope that you and your child/ren are enjoying taking part in our Library Explorers scheme. This involves you borrowing at least one book a week from our Library which is situated from Reception. Please do take part in this if you can - it is not too late, gaining a love of books is so important to all children and helps them with the process of learning to read in the future.

After the Easter holiday children are due back on Tuesday 21st April. This is because on Monday 20th we will be in school on an INSET day. For those of you who are not aware this stands for In Service Training day. On this day all the staff who work with your children in the classrooms will be meeting together and receiving training from the Local Authority in the morning and an outside consultant in the afternoon.

If any of you have you have, or know of families with, younger children we will soon be looking at admissions for the next academic year, please register children through reception.

Debbie



Keeping safe and considerate parking

If you drive to Caverstede, could we please ask that you park with care and **avoid double parking or parking on yellow lines**. This is illegal and makes the road dangerous for all the children and families who are using it. There is also a disabled parking bay at the front of the nursery which is there for the use of those who need this

facility so please do not park here. Please also consider our neighbours along Caverstede Road and avoid parking across driveways or on the grass verges.

We work closely with the local Police and Peterborough City Council road safety team to keep Caverstede Road safe for all so please do help us in this aim.

Come and visit the Book Fair - which will be here from



Wednesday 18th - 25th March.

You can use your World Book Day £1 token here if you wish.

These are in your child's classroom pigeonhole.

All books bought help us to get new books for the school. There will be lots to choose from and it will be open at the start and end of school sessions.

Library Explorer



You still have a few weeks to become a Library Explorer! Why not have a look in the library and choose

some of the many books we have to borrow, take home and enjoy!

Your reward card is available at reception. Simply get it stamped each week that you borrow a book and at the end of the 5 weeks, you will receive your very own, new book to take home and keep.

Security & Safeguarding; Mobile phones and personal cameras are only permitted to be used at in the school reception and parent café. It is important that you do not use your phone whilst settling your child into nursery or when dropping off and collecting your child. We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.





This term will see us explore different celebrations such as Mother's Day, World Book Day, Easter and Pancake day, we have also had a visit from a real author/illustrator Ellie Sandall, which was an amazing day!

Butterflies

Our core story this term is not one but several reads, these are the works of Nick Sharratt and his amazing line of Shark in the Park story books, this also includes Shark in the Dark and Shark in the Park on a windy Day. We will learn about sharks and explore their underwater world to see what we can discover about these amazing creatures. We will bring these ideas to our role play and small world work and will be searching for sharks outside! Inspired from the stories we will also explore telescopes mainly to see what we can find around us when focused on one area.

We have lots planned for our time in the Woodland Garden too with shape and shark hunting and also trying more activities around the fire circle, which the children really appear to enjoy. We continue to develop our skills around number, reading, storytelling and mark making as well as the other areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). We will also explore the works of Andy Goldsworthy who creates artwork using natural materials such as leaves, sticks and stones and see how this can influence our creative sides.

Ladybirds

This half term in Ladybird class we are looking and reading the story 'The Very Busy Spider' by Eric Carle. The children are beginning to recognise the animals we find in the story and they are joining in with making the animal noises. We have been finding out about spiders and how they make a web. The children have been singing the songs 'Old MacDonald' and 'Incy Wincy Spider'. We have started making a display about spiders and the children have been printing, drawing as well as weaving a big web. We have been singing lots of number songs and rhymes as well as looking at different patterns and shapes.

Our Woodland Day this term is Tuesday. The children are getting really confident at putting on a wetsuit and their wellies. The children enjoy playing in the mud kitchen, in the digging pod, looking for spiders and webs, playing with water, using the wheel barrows and playing on the tyre swing and much more!

Buzzy Bees

This term we are looking at the story Chicken Licken. We have several copies of this in the classroom, with different endings, and different characters. This will help promote looking at how stories end, and provide the children opportunities to make their own ending to this story. We have dressing up clothes and other props to help the children re-enact the story. The children will have opportunities to explore the story and in the small world play too. Alongside Chicken Licken we shall also be reading other stories such as Rosie's Walk, and Little Red Hen. These stories will link well with spring, learning all about the different animals.

Our Woodland day continues on a Thursday until Easter, but will change after Easter— so keep an eye out for the change of day.

In the classrooms, **each child has their own pigeonhole for information**, letters etc. so please remember to check these every day that your child attends nursery as there may be something important in there for you.

Diary Dates

Spring Term - 2020

Classes close; Thursday 2nd April

Summer Term - 2020

Nursery closed - staff training; Monday 20th April

Classes start; Tuesday 21st April

May Day; Friday 8th May

Half term; 25th - 29th May

Classes close; Tuesday 21st July

Lucky Easter Egg Squares

Our Easter fundraiser is out in reception. Pick a square, write your name in it and you could win a treat! Squares cost 40p each or 3 for £1. All funds raised goes to the Friends of Caverstede charity. Donations of Easter Eggs are always appreciated to help with the fundraising.

We will be picking the winning squares on Tuesday 31st March.

You can also 'Name the Teddy' (or Easter Bunny!!)

Choose a name and if your name gets chosen, you could win the bunny.

20p per guess. The list of names are at reception for you to choose from.

We will also be drawing this on 31st March.



Coronavirus

We continue to be updated with information as appropriate from the Local Authority, Department of Education and Public Health England. We will advise parents and carers of any changes as they happen.

A helpline has also been provided should you have any concerns.

HM Government

NHS

DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE

0800 046 8687

8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it
with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it
by washing
your hands with
soap & water or
hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks
& sport
activities



Before
cooking
& eating



On arrival at
any childcare
or educational
setting



After using
the toilet



Before
leaving
home



Try not to touch your
eyes, nose, and mouth
with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come
into contact with your mouth
such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items
such as bedding, dishes,
pencils & towels

Child Protection and Safeguarding for Schools

We take child protection issues extremely seriously; at all times we consider the protection and safety of the child in our care. Child protection issues are always dealt with in the appropriate ways. All staff have attended child protection training and are familiar with the correct procedures.

At Caverstede Nursery School we follow the Child Protection procedures for the Peterborough Safeguarding Board.

"It may be helpful for you to know that the law (Children Act 1989) requires all school staff to pass on information which gives rise to a concern about a child's welfare, including risk from non-accidental injury, neglect, emotional or sexual abuse. Schools are encouraged to take the attitude that where there are grounds for concern they should be over-cautious, and seek advice, rather than to risk a child's safety. Occasionally, this duty on staff means that a concern is passed on which is later shown to be unfounded. It is hoped that parents/carers will appreciate how difficult it is for schools to carry out this delicate responsibility, and accept that the staff member was acting in good faith and in the best interests of all children."

We have named people for child protection they are Debbie Hayes, Katy Coles and Emily Wiseman.

If you have concerns regarding children's safety and protection, it is essential that you contact your child's key person, class teacher or the Headteacher.

We have a Facebook page - Official Caverstede Early Years Centre. Please request to be added.



A parent's guide to.....

Mathematics – Part 2



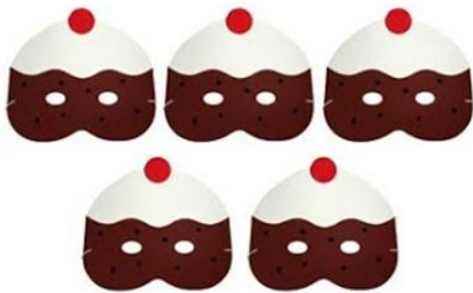
Rhymes and stories

Read and recite rhymes and stories with mathematical content to your children, because this will:

- Stimulate your child's imagination and help them to be able to understand mathematical concepts.
- Help them to understand difficult concepts such as time or comparing size or quantity.
- Help them to become aware of counting, without really thinking about it, and increase their sense of rhythm.
- Help them to become aware of number names and other mathematical ideas, such as sequence (order) and speed.

Firm Favourites

Here are some popular number songs and rhymes that you can share with your child. Use your fingers and other actions to add to the fun and develop your child's understanding of number.



Five Currant Buns

*Five currant buns in the baker's shop,
Big and round with a cherry on the top,
Along came (child's name) with a penny one day,
Bought a currant bun and took it right away.
Four currant buns in the baker's shop.....
Three...
Two...
One....*

Five Little Ducks

*Five little ducks went swimming one day,
Over the hills and far away,
Mummy duck said 'quack, quack, quack, quack,'
But only four little ducks came back.
Four little ducks went swimming one day....
Three....
Two....
One....*

