



Term: Autumn 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Nursery! We are very excited the children are now in full time. The children have had so much fun getting to know their teachers, making new friends and discovering all the different activities within the nursery.

The nursery blog on the school website and Facebook page are a great way to keep up to date with what is happening in the nursery, along with any upcoming events. It is very important for all parents to check the blog every Friday evening to ensure you know what is happening for your child. Please click under EYFS on the school website to view the Nursery blog:

<http://www.broadford.havering.sch.uk/?page=rss>

This half term will be sharing a selection of stories to help us settle in at school. These stories will include traditional tales like Little red riding hood, the gingerbread man and Goldilocks and the three bears.

Our learning focus this year will include the areas of development according to the Early Years foundation stage guidance (EYFS):

### **Communication and Language**

We will be encouraging the children to speak in full sentences to express themselves. Each week will be focusing on a key text which will allow the children to become familiar with the story and retell the story using their own words.

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

This half term we are focusing on settling the children into their new environment, ensuring they are aware of expectations and the rules of the setting. We will also be working on sharing resources and taking turns.

### **Physical Development**

This term there will be a big focus on gross motor and coordination activities to strengthen our shoulders and core muscles for whole body movements; this is a prerequisite to writing. You will have seen gross motor activities such as: hula hoops, climbing frame, basketball hoops, balancing on the logs and vertical painting.

## **Maths**

The children will work on number recognition and representing numbers in different ways. There will be a mixture of ordinal (numbers in order), cardinal (a number of objects to count or name by sight), nominal (using numbers as a name ie bus number). This will deepen the children's number sense and basic math skills. These basic skills will set us up for the rest of the year.

## **Literacy**

Stories are a key part of our curriculum and high quality texts will be used throughout the day to foster the children's love of reading. We will also be starting the Bedtime Story Scheme where your child can take 2 books home each week. A blog post will explain more about the reading scheme and the different ways in which you can share your love of reading with your children.

Mark making opportunities will be available throughout the provision.

## **Messy Play**

Messy play, or sensory play, is the term for any activities allowing children to work with their hands to create a controlled mess. Often involving traditionally messy ingredients such as paint, sand, slime, water, clay or mud, it is geared toward exploring feelings and imagination. Your child will have opportunities to participate in messy play on a daily basis; you will see some of these activities on the blog (and occasionally on their clothes!).

## **Independence**

In nursery, independence will be promoted for your child and encouraged through the daily routines. These include: walking in independently; self-register; using their coat peg; toileting; changing into wellies for the outside area; pouring water into their cups; cleaning their cups. Please support your child by practicing putting on and taking off their socks and shoes at home.

## **Key Dates**

Check the blog on a weekly basis to keep up to date with key dates this year. We do not send letters home. We will send you an email regarding any upcoming Focus Child parent meetings.

## **Important information:**

- Please ensure your child has a named set of spare clothes in nursery at all times.
- All uniform, cups and pack lunch boxes should be labelled with your child's name.
- Please can toys from home stay at home. We have lots in school and it saves toys being lost or broken.
- Your child does not need to bring snacks to school. Fruit and water are available throughout the day for the children to access. The children only need to bring food to school if they are having a packed lunch.
- Please let the teachers know if your child has any medical needs, allergies or dietary requirements if you have not done so already.

We look forward to working with you over the upcoming year and thank you for your support. If you would like to contact a member of the nursery team via email the address is:

[nursery@broadford.havering.sch.uk](mailto:nursery@broadford.havering.sch.uk)

Kind regards,  
The Nursery Team