



Southridge First School

Nursery Newsletter 25th September 2020

This week we have been delighted to welcome a new member to our Nursery team. Mrs Heason will work alongside Mrs Mason and Mrs Waller in the afternoons. We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Scott for helping us over the last few weeks - she is now working in Year 4 all day.

What a busy week we have had! The children are all settling in well and picking up more of our Nursery routines. The damp weather towards the end of the week was an exciting time to further explore the Nursery garden and we set the children a challenge to find out what was living in our garden. They went off enthusiastically to see what they could find, using magnifying glasses and bug pots to look more closely at some of the creatures. We also took photos of some of them too. This was a great opportunity to support the children to develop their listening and communication skills. The children were fantastic and it was lovely to see them running off to tell their new friends what they had found.



A very popular activity this week has been our new paint pump bottles. They are similar to soap dispensers and the children can choose how much paint they want to dispense. We have been encouraging them to pump a small amount of paint into the mixing tray then add another colour before mixing them together to see which new colours they can make. The children always wear aprons when they paint, however some of the children discovered that it was much more fun to mix the paint with your hands so inevitably the paint found its way onto sleeves and jumpers!



The photographer came this week and we had our first visit to the hall to have our photographs taken. The children were amazing at lining up and walking sensibly through the school. They passed by all the classrooms where they could see the older children busy at work and the other staff were so impressed that they couldn't help popping their heads out of the classroom doors as we passed to comment on how smart and grown up we all were.

When the children find something difficult at Nursery we gently discourage them from saying 'I can't...' Instead we encourage them to keep trying and to say 'I can't do it yet. Please can you help me?' We always ask that the children have a go first before they ask for help. We want the children to see that some things need lots of practise and you may not be able to do it straight away but you should keep on trying. At Nursery we never give up!

Important Notices.

Thank you to those who have sent in a **puddle suit** for their child. From now on the children will need to change into puddle suits to play in the Nursery garden. If you can provide us with an all-in-one light weight suit from home, named for your child, this will help us to keep clothing individual and lessen any cross contamination. We do have school suits but are unable to wash in between sessions so they will have to be shared. If you do not intend to provide a puddle suit please let a member of staff know.

All children need to keep a pair of **wellies** at school as they will be changing into them most days to play in the Nursery garden. If you have not already done so, please can we ask that you provide a pair of wellies for your child with their name marked clearly inside.

Please ensure children bring a **jacket** to Nursery every day. Thank you.

Please let us know if your child is unwell and will not be attending Nursery. A telephone message can be taken by the school office and passed to Nursery staff. You can also let us know by e-mail office@southridge.first.org.uk

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you again on Monday.
The Nursery Team.