



# Southridge First School

## Nursery Newsletter 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020



### A Super Start!

The children have been coming into Nursery beautifully this week and settling quickly on the carpet (A big thank you the parent/carers for your help with this) consequently we have been able to introduce a little more routine to the beginning of the session. We start with the register and say good morning/good afternoon to each other. We sing our 'days of the week song' and discuss which day it is and what the weather is like. Then we sing a special finger rhyme to 'warm up our fingers ready for the day'. This little song helps the children discriminate between the different fingers and supports fine motor development. Each finger has a name - Tommy Thumb, Peter Pointer, Toby Tall, Ruby Ring and Baby Small. If you would like to have a go at this song at home with your child here are the words:

Tommy Thumb up, Tommy Thumb down,  
Tommy Thumb dancing all around the town,  
Dancing on your shoulders, Dancing on your head,  
Dancing on your knees and tuck them into bed.  
Then repeat with the other fingers.



If you are unsure but would like to do this with your child a member of Nursery staff would be happy to help you.

Next, we 'warm up our bodies' with a dance which helps to develop gross motor skills and coordination. We call this Squiggle and Wiggle time. The children have been brilliant at following all the moves and giving it their all and it is gorgeous to see them so relaxed and enjoying themselves.



### We're off to the Moon!

This week the children have discovered they each have a very special little rocket with a photograph of themselves in the window. In Nursery our aim is to nurture an environment which is positive, loving and caring so every time we notice the children being kind, using kind words, being helpful or taking care of our toys we celebrate this by moving their rocket onto the next star. Their rockets move along the stars with their lovely behaviour until they land on the moon. When a child lands on the moon we ring a little bell and everyone in Nursery stops what they are doing to hear who has landed on the moon. We all celebrate the child on the moon with lots of clapping. We tell them how proud we are and they get a certificate to take home so they can celebrate with their family too.



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