**Southridge First School**

**Nursery Newsletter 14th December 2020**



In Nursery we provided lots of activities which help the children develop strength and control in their fingers. The children will need this strength to help them hold and control a pencil effectively as they draw and write. The children have access to many of these activities every day at Nursery and many of these could also be done at home. Some examples could include: playdough, painting with different tools e.g. cotton buds, sticks, forks; using scissor scoops to collect pompoms from the water; threading beads/pasta onto shoe laces or string; using tweezers to move small objects; hanging baubles on a miniature tree and so many more. Pinterest is a great site if you are looking for ideas. We have also been helping the children with their scissor skills. To help the children remember how to hold the scissors we use this rhyme: Fingers on the bottom, thumb on top, open the mouth go and chop, chop, chop.

Party Day! On Thursday 17th December the children will finish the term with their Christmas Party. They can come to Nursery wearing their party clothes and we ask that each child brings their own small plate of party food with their name on it. Due to a number of allergies we ask that foods containing nuts are not included on children’s plates. There will be party games, crafts and lots of dancing!

Dates for Diary. Thursday 17th December – Nursery Christmas party and last day of school for Nursery children. Friday 18th December – Nursery closed. Monday 4th January – Teacher Training Day (Nursery closed) Tuesday 5th January – School reopens.

Many thanks for your emails this week. Please continue to send anything for your child’s learning journey to helen.mason@ntlp.org.uk We especially like to hear your child’s voice so please do include their comments in your emails.

Have a super weekend.

The Nursery Team.

On Tuesday 15th December your child will bring home their wet suit. You might find wet suits need to be washed as they are well used and get very muddy! Please can we ask that you try them on at home and make sure they fit over your child’s winter coat.

On Thursday 17th December your child will bring home the bag that has been kept on their peg this half term.

Can we ask that all uniforms, coats, hats etc are checked over the holidays to ensure they still have names in them.

We have been learning about the phoneme /i/ and the sound it makes in words like insect, invitation, ink and internet. It is a short bouncy sound. We use the picture to help us remember this sound and the formation rhyme to help us write it: down the body and dot for the head.



In our maths groups this week we have been looking at the number rhyme to help us learn the number 8: Make a “S” and close the gate. Now you’ve made the number eight.

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