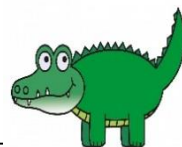




Southridge First School

Nursery Newsletter 27th September 2019

This week we introduced a little more of our routine into the children's day as we split into our 'Key Groups'. These groups support the children to develop specific skills in a smaller group. You may have heard your child talk about 'Terrific Tigers' or 'Amazing Alligators' - these are the names of our groups. Mrs Mason is the key worker for the Terrific Tigers and Mrs Waller is the Key Worker for the Amazing Alligators. Mrs Scott provides additional support wherever it is needed. In our groups this week we have been practising our listening skills and in particular thinking about how we listen well, how does someone else know you are listening to them? During our sessions this week we also played games to help us get to know the names of all our friends.



On Challenge Monday this week we went exploring in the school grounds. We have a small wild area at the back of the school field which is great for investigating the natural world and how it changes throughout the year. The children listened brilliantly while we explained how we stay safe in this area including always walking so we don't trip in the longer grass and always looking with our eyes first before we pick anything up to make we know what we are touching. We were excited to find lots of conkers, some still in their very spikey shells!

We began 'Dough Disco' this week. During this time we do lots of finger songs and rhymes to help the children become more aware of their fingers. Each child is then given a piece of play dough and they carry out different actions such as rolling, squeezing and patting to help improve their fine motor control. There is always lots of dancing too! The children have been brilliant at following all the moves and giving it their all.



A little reminder:

We ask that children only bring water in their bottles rather than juice. Please inform the school office if your child is absent from Nursery so that the appropriate code can be recorded in the register.

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 21st October and Monday 4th November - Pupil Progress Update Meetings. This will be an opportunity for you to make an appointment for an informal meeting to find out how your child has settled in Nursery.

Look out for further information which will follow soon via Teachers2Parents.

It has been lovely to receive some emails already showing us what your children get up to when they are not at Nursery. Some of these will be put on the 'Parents as Partners' Board just outside the Nursery classroom to give you an idea of the sort of things you could send us. Wherever possible we ask that you include what your child has said as this gives us a really good insight into their understanding. Please continue to send anything for your child's learning journey to helen.mason@ntlp.org.uk

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

The Nursery Team