

Nursery news

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A warm welcome to all new children and parents and a huge welcome back to all our returning children and parents. We look forward to working closely with you over this year to support your child in our Nursery. This newsletter will be sent every fortnight to keep you up to date with the latest events and some activities that are happening in the Nursery and will include helpful ideas to support your child at home.

The children have settled in incredibly well and we are already seeing their little personalities shining through. So far we have been amazed at how well they have adapted to their new routines and we are looking forward to a year full of adventures. Many of the staff in the school have already commented on how calm and lovely the atmosphere in the Nursery is.

In a few weeks we will be celebrating Diwali. Please email Mrs Luci if you would like to add any dates that you feel are important to your family as we would like to create and celebrate a rich and diverse calendar of events and celebrations to share in class.

Website

You can find all the important information you need to know about our Nursery on our website. This includes information about what we are learning, copies of the newsletters, key polices, important dates and special events.



Please see <https://therocheschool.com/nursery-2/>

Free-flow

The children have enjoyed becoming familiar with the activities on the Montessori shelves, including some activities using tweezers to pick up beads as well as brushing a giant set of teeth and pouring and transferring water with a teapot. They have enjoyed playing with small world play, including a dolls house and looking after the babies. It has been lovely to see the children engaging in cooperative role-play in the home corner and getting to know their new friends. This group of children seem to be very creative and enjoy small world play, imaginative play and arts and crafts.



Tapestry

We have set up Tapestry profiles for all children. You now have access to this and should have received an email from Tapestry inviting you to set up your parent account. If you have not yet received this email, please let Mrs Luci know. Thank you so much to those of you that are already adding photos and observations; we really love to see what the children do at home.

Project

Our project focus this term is 'ABC What Can We Be' which encourages children to think about what they might like to be when they grow up, challenges gender stereotypes and really shows that the 'sky is the limit'. We have already enjoyed our first project and the children expressed some wonderful ideas about what their future might hold. Just some of the wonderful conversations we have had are:

"I would like to be an engineer and a daddy with a hundred babies!"

"I will be a nurse like mummy. She looks after babies who are sick."

"I want to be an astronaut and fly to the planets!"

"I want to be a mummy."

Each week we will post 'Activities at Home' on the website, as well as on Tapestry, sharing what we are doing for our project and giving you some useful ideas for how you can support this at home.

Forest School

We had a wonderful first trip to the Forest this week. The children were very excited to go on the Roche minibus and enjoyed building dens!



Phonics

Our sound of the week for the next two weeks will be 's' and 'a'. The children will be playing a variety of phonics-based games such as I-Spy. They will also be meeting our friend 'Geraldine the Giraffe' who helps to make our phonics lessons exciting as well as learning some songs. Some of our younger learners will enjoy some early phonics activities such as going on a 'sound hunt' around the school and listening to and matching musical instruments.

Other news

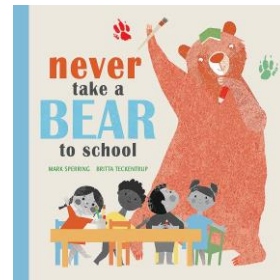
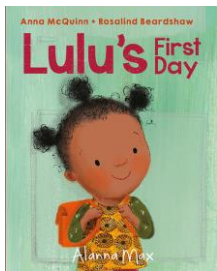
Sports was so much fun with Miss Meghan; the children followed instructions well and played games to improve their listening skills. The children also participated with great enthusiasm during dance with Mrs Lea; they explored making different movements and 'catching the fairies'. The children have also enjoyed singing sessions with Mrs Katie and so far they have learned some wonderful songs such as 'The Firework Song' and a

variety of different nursery rhymes. The children have also enjoyed meeting Song Cat with Mrs Gabriella which made them giggle!

Don't forget the Nursery Curriculum Talk is being held on Tuesday 11th October at 9.30 (in the Nursery). Please let Mrs Luci know if you are not able to attend.

Book suggestions this fortnight:

- Lulu's First Day by Anna McQuin
- Never Take a Bear To School by Mark Sperring
- Think Big Little One by Vashti Harrison



Have a lovely weekend
Nursery Team