

## Dear Parents

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. We look forward to working closely with you over this year to support your child in our Nursery. 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, key polices, important dates and special events.

Please see https://therocheschool.com/nursery

### Instagram

Please do follow our Instagram page the\_roche\_school where you will find regular stories and updates.



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#### 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 the doll's house, Peppa Pig small world 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. We seem to be getting through a lot of paper!

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.

Each week the teachers in the Nursery will add observations of your child so that you can see what they are learning and engaging with. Your child's key teacher will also upload a set of targets each week, to communicate what we are working on and how you may be able to support at home. Please do feel free to comment on any observations, we aim to work as a partnership!

## Project

Our project focus this term is 'Marvellous Me' which will focus on what makes each child special and unique and learning all about themselves. A big part of the EYFS curriculum focusses on each child seeing themselves as a valuable individual and to think about the perspectives of others. Engaging in the variety of activities from learning about the bodies, the senses, talking about children's aspirations and their families will all help to support this.

Each week we will post 'Activities at Home' 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 have enjoyed two wonderful trips to the Forest so far. The children were very excited to go on the Roche minibus and enjoyed building dens, jumping in muddy puddles and making nature pictures.







# Phonics

Our sounds of the week for the next few weeks will be 's' 't' and 'a'. The children will be playing a variety of phonic-based games such as I-Spy. They will also be meeting our friend 'Fluffy Bunny' 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 great 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 our pianist Mr Gunther 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 ( a pink fluffy toy cat) with Mrs Gabriella which made them giggle!

Don't forget the Nursery Curriculum Talk and coffee morning is being held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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
- Mouse's Wood- a year in nature by Alice Melvin
- Hello Every Body by Samantha Curcio
- Never Take a Bear To School by Mark Sperring
- Think Big Little One by Vashti Harrison













