



Redhill Nursery Fortnightly Update

Email us at: nursery@redhillprimary.co.uk

Guided reading - Week Beginning 5th October

For our older Nursery children, we will be starting our guided reading sessions. Each week, your child will bring home a wordless book to share with you. These books will have already been explored in school with an adult, helping children build confidence in telling the story through the pictures. We encourage you to enjoy the book together at home and talk about what is happening on each page. Guidance on how to support your child and some suggested questions can be found at the front of the book and in the attached poster.

Our younger Nursery children will continue to bring home a picture book each week to share and enjoy with their families, helping to foster a love of reading from an early age.

If you have any questions about reading with your child, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Nursery team. We are always happy to help.

Literacy Focus

Next week, we will begin exploring our new story, *Oliver's Vegetables* by Alison Bartlett and Vivian French.

Throughout this topic, the children will investigate a variety of vegetables using their senses and learn to describe them with interesting adjectives. We will discuss where vegetables come from and share our favourite vegetables with friends.

The children will explore the different shapes of vegetables and create fun vegetable faces while thinking about emotions and expressions. In Art, they will develop their observational drawing skills and enjoy vegetable printing activities. In DT, we will make a delicious vegetable soup, learning how to safely prepare vegetables and follow a simple recipe.

We are looking forward to a fun and hands-on week of learning! 🌱 🥕 🥦 🍅

Phonics Focus

Nursery 2—We will continue to explore sounds by using instruments; investigate how we use them and find out if we can use an instrument to make a repeated rhythm. The children will also explore playing the instruments quietly and loudly.

Nursery 1—We will describe sounds and associate words with sounds we can hear such as I can hear a drip, drip, drip sound. Where might I be?

Maths Focus

This week, the children will develop their counting skills through a range of fun, practical activities.

We will enjoy counting rhymes and songs, go fishing for fish and count how many we catch, and practise counting as we follow claps and jumps. The children will also take part in a vegetable-themed hide-and-seek game, counting how many vegetables they can find and comparing their totals. These activities will help build confidence with counting, number recognition and one-to-one correspondence.



Help your child with reading

I Spy

Play 'I Spy' games. Can you find words beginning with...? Can you find a picture of a ...? How many ... can you see?

Ask Questions

Ask questions about the story as you read it e.g. What is the story about? Why do you think they made that choice? Was it a good choice? Why did that happen? What do you think will happen next? What was your favourite part of the story? Why?

Make it Fun

Enjoy reading together. Give characters funny voices and engage with the pictures. Make a game out of finding words that rhyme or start with the same sound.

Be Seen

Make sure you are seen reading. Keep books and magazines at easy reach.

Get Out

Go to your public library regularly. Find the books you loved as a kid to read together.

Create

Use reading to inspire drawings or new stories.

Go Online

Look online & in app stores for appropriate word & spelling games.

Make Space

Have a special place or a certain time when you read together.

Read everything out loud.

Books, poems, nursery rhymes, newspaper & magazine articles, food labels...
anything that is close to hand!

Reminders

PE – Monday am and Tuesday am. Please ensure your child comes into school dressed in PE kit. They will not get changed into uniform afterwards.

Welly Walk – Wednesday mornings – Please ensure your child comes dressed for Welly Walk in the appropriate clothing: waterproof suit and wellies. You can leave your wellies here if it is more convenient.

Show and Tell – Please check your child's reading record for their day to bring show and tell.

Labels—Please ensure all your child's clothes are labelled with their names.

All About Me books

Over the next two weeks, your child will receive their 'All About Me' book. This book provides a valuable link between home and nursery, helping us learn more about your child and their interests.

You can choose how often to use the book, whether regularly or just from time to time. There is no expectation for weekly contributions, although you are very welcome to add to it as often as you wish.

We would love you to help your child record special experiences, activities, achievements, or things they enjoy doing at home. Sharing these with us at nursery supports us in getting to know your child better and helps us build on their interests and experiences.

We look forward to looking through the books with the children and celebrating their experiences together.

Important reminder – Nut-free School Policy

We would like to remind all families that our school is a nut-free environment. This includes peanut butter, Nutella and Pesto (that contains pine nuts) for pasta.

To help keep everyone safe, we kindly ask that you do not send any nut-based products in lunch boxes.

Thank you for your support and understanding with this.

Tapestry

Please ensure you have returned your consent form for Tapestry if you haven't already done so.

Thank you for your continued support.

