



Surbiton Children's Centre Nursery
Curriculum Newsletter 2016



Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations you have survived the first half-term at school! Many thanks from all of us for all your support and cooperation in our activities and in your involvement in your child's learning at home. For those of you who have signed up to Orbit, many thanks and we hope you enjoy using it.

The children have settled really well and have enjoyed the wide variety of activities offered to them in our stimulating and challenging environment. Already we have seen new friendships develop and new skills acquired.

We hope you have enjoyed reading about and sharing their first experiences with them in their Books of Learning.

This term we will be continuing to look at number, colour, shape and festivals within the broader topic of **Light**. Through this topic we hope to be able to develop the children's confidence in speaking about something that is familiar to them and to encourage and develop their language and listening skills. We will be exploring light and dark, talking about the seasons and animals that hibernate and following the children's interest in this area. We plan to walk around the local environment and start to go out to Fishponds Park in small groups. The staff will let you know when your child will be having their Fishponds experience.

During this time of year the children will need to wear practical shoes or boots (that they can get on and off by themselves please) and as it is getting colder it would be appreciated if your child could bring a warm coat to school everyday so they can continue to use our outdoor learning area. We go outside no matter the weather and so their coats need to be both warm and waterproof please.

This term we will continue to introduce the children to a range of cultures and religions through story, rhymes, music, dance, clothes and food. We enjoy sharing significant celebrations so please let a member of staff know if you are planning something special.

We welcome parent helpers in class and so if you would like to come in and help on a regular or one off occasion please talk to the class teacher. The children benefit from your help. We appreciate any help with our visits to Fishponds or helping play games in small groups in the classroom.

We have arranged the Christmas party; entertainment and an informal Christmas celebration of songs (Sing and Sign) details of which will follow.

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