



# Surbiton Children's Centre Nursery Curriculum Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

This half term our topic is "Our World" We will be planning lots of opportunities for the children to start to understand their wider world and learn about the local environment, how to care for living things such as trees, flowers and animals. They will also be finding out about the people in our communities and in particular people who help us. It is hoped that the children will become familiar with the variety of roles and responsibilities related to the different people who help us in our daily lives. We hope to invite the Fire Brigade into school and arrange a visit to the Fire Station. Our local Police Support Officers are always keen to come into school and talk with the children. Please let us know if you are able to come into school and talk about your job. So if there are any Nurses, Doctors, Paramedics, Postmen, and Dentists etc. please let us know. It is important for children to show an interest in the world in which they live so visits out into the local environment support children's curiosity, develop their language skills and enable them to observe, make comments and ask questions. Our visits to Fishponds will continue this term and if you can help support these please let a member of staff.

Through the topic we will continue to reinforce colour and the small world activities will give opportunities to count, order in size, match shapes and encourage the children to talk confidently in small and large groups about something that is familiar to them. Role play opportunities will be available both inside and outside and this will enable children to develop their imaginative and creative skills.

### **How you can help your children at home**

We would encourage you to continue talking with your children about number, matching and sorting, shape and size. For example let the children match the socks when putting them away, encourage them to count the stairs, set the table, help weigh the fruit and vegetables in the supermarket, count how many bananas etc. We also ask if you could encourage your child to dress themselves, this skill really helps with their fine motor and organisational skills. We would of course ask you to continue to read stories and rhymes to your children. Nursery rhymes are very important and will help your child's literacy skills in the future.

We look forward to working with you this term and many thanks for your support. Hope you have a lovely Easter break.

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