



Surbiton Children's Centre Nursery  
**Curriculum Newsletter 2018**



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. You may have received an invitation from tapestry so please check your email and sign up. If you need help with this please speak to Tess Dean in Blue Class and she can help you. She will also be holding some drop in support for anyone who needs it.

The children have settled really well and we are very proud of them. Thank you for all your support with this time as it is challenging for everyone when children are sad saying goodbye.

The children 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.

This term we will be exploring the learning within the broader theme of **Light and Dark**. As you may be aware we plan through the children's own interests and use this to be flexible about where the child may need further support in their learning.

Therefore our themes are very closely linked to the seasons and what is happening around them. We will continue to look at number, colour, shape and festivals especially leading up to Christmas. Through this theme 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. If you can help us with these visits please talk to a member of the classroom team.

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 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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