

FEDERATION NEWS

Summer 2022

Peter Pan & Cherry Trees Nursery Schools



Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new school term and a special welcome to all our new children and families who are joining the federation this term.

The summer term is always a busy one, but also one of my favourite ones. It is so lovely to see the children enjoying the outside areas in the nice weather, and looking for all the changes that are taking place in the natural world.

We have some lovely events planned for this term and we will keep you updated with all the details as we get nearer the time. We are planning to have a family picnic in the gardens with some singing and a cake sale. We are also hoping to arrange a visit from Ark Farm so the children can meet all the animals. We will be celebrating Eid and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee as well.

We are also hoping that Sustrans will be working with each school to promote active travel to and from school, as well as cleaner air around our schools.

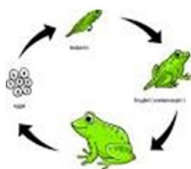
Our school value this term is 'kindness'. We will be thinking about how we can be kind to each other in Nursery and how we can care for our environment. Please share any moments of kindness with your child's Key Person.

Julie Smith

Executive
Head Teacher



Our learning....



Spring Life Cycles



- Settling into Nursery, thinking about how we can be kind towards others; using the language of turn-taking (Curricular Intention 1: To be settled at nursery and become a confident learner)
- Stories: Tiddalik, Dora's Eggs; The Odd Egg, Peely Wally, The Wide Mouth Frog, Oi Frog (Curricular Intention 4: To become a confident reader)
- Life cycles of chicks and frogs: non-fiction books (Curricular Intention 6: To take care of their environment and begin to understand changes)
- Celebrating Eid and talking about celebrations at home and in their community (Curricular Intention 7: To understand that they are part of a diverse community within Bedford, England).
- Songs: Mmm, Mmm Went the Little Green Frog; Jestesmy Zaby (Curricular Intention 10: To develop skills and processes for self-expression, creating with a purpose in mind)



You are able to look at your child's Learning Journal at any time. Please ask your child's key worker.

We also love to hear about your family celebrations, please continue to email your pictures to the school offices:

peterpan@bedfordnurseryschools.com cherrytrees@bedfordnurseryschools.com

You can find all the details of our curriculum on our websites at:
[Peter Pan Nursery School](#) [Cherry Trees Nursery School](#)

Please do look at the HOME LEARNING pages on our website. This has information and videos about learning activities, the core rhymes and songs we are currently learning as well as our approach to teaching mathematics in early years.

TERM DATES

Summer Term

BANK HOLIDAY:	Monday 2nd May 2022 (school closed)
End of Term:	Friday 27th May 2022
HALF TERM:	Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022 (school closed)
Back to School:	Monday 6th June 2022
END OF TERM:	Thursday 21st July 2022 (last day of school, NO TEA CLUB)

Safeguarding Procedures

To ensure that safety of all our children at school we would like to remind you about the importance we place on Safeguarding.

- Please ensure that you close all doors and gates behind you as you arrive and leave nursery.
- Please do not let other adults into the building – always ask a member of staff to answer the door.
- If your child needs to use the toilet before their session starts please use the visitors toilet – we ask that parents do not enter the children's toilets.
- Please do not use your mobile phone whilst in the nursery classrooms or gardens.
- If you are not going to be the person collecting your child from school, please let us know in advance – we will not allow any child to leave with an adult we do not know.

School Fund

Please remember to donate your £1 school fund to the school office. This contribution goes towards providing healthy snack for the children throughout the day.

If each family donated just £1 per week we would have over £150 per week to spend on



Starting School Sept 22

You will have been notified over the Easter Holidays of the school that you have been given for your child for Sept 22. Please let us know where your child will be going. If you have not been given the school of your choice come in and see us and we can discuss your options for September. Please do not worry.

Food in bags

Please do not send any food or drink into school in your child's bag. We are a NUT FREE school and also have children with allergies—some quite severe and we need to ensure that they are kept safe.

Nappies

A reminder that if your child wears a nappy to school to make sure that we have a supply of nappies and wipes in school so we can change them.

If your child attends for a half day session, please ensure that they arrive at school with a clean dry nappy on. If you would like support with toilet training please come and speak to us

Our learning

Over the last half term, the children have enjoyed reading 'Dear Zoo' by Rod Campbell and setting up a vet role play area in each nursery. They were able to share their experiences of looking after pets and talk about their favourite animals.



On Pancake Day we cooked and tasted pancakes, and took part in pancake races and we read the story of 'The Runaway Pancake'.

The children noticed that the traditional tale of 'The Gingerbread Man' had many similarities to 'The Runaway Pancake' and they enjoyed making gingerbread, as well as re-telling the story using the repeated refrain as a song, 'Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me I'm the gingerbread man!'



We began learning about Spring before the Easter holiday as the weather began to change and will begin this term by learning about Spring lifecycles of chicks, frogs and plants. We would be grateful for any donations of small plant pots or packets of seeds which you no longer require as this to support the children's learning.

We look forward to celebrating Eid with our children, and support their understanding through the stories: 'Samira's Eid' by Nasreen Aktar, and 'Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns' by Hena Khan

Junk Modelling & Woodwork

We are always grateful for yoghurt pots, kitchen roll tubes, milk bottle tops and small boxes that can be used for the children to create models at nursery. Please drop any donations to the school office.

We are also looking for small pieces of soft wood and nails that the children can use on the woodwork table.

Bags

We are extremely short of space to store children's bags with their spare clothes in at nursery.

If possible could you please send a small backpack or drawstring bag into nursery to ensure that we can fit each child's bag into the cloakrooms.

Please do not send large adult sized rucksacks or wheeled suitcase type bags as we cannot accommodate these.