

## Term 6 Newsletter no. 3 26.06.2021

Dear Parents and Carers,



This week we have said goodbye to our lovely OTSA SCITT Associate Teacher Miriam McGale, who you know as Mim. The children made her a beautiful card, which we presented to her on Friday,



after telling her all the things we have loved doing with her at Nursery School. Then we sang her our goodbye song and gave a rousing three cheers.



During Mim's time with us she has transformed the allotment, with plants and weatherproof signs which the children have made, providing clear labelling for what fruits and



vegetables are growing. The children have loved watching the plants grow, watering them and checking which one is the tallest.



Mim has a natural gift for giving each child the time they need to feel confident and to say their ideas. In this way they know their contributions are valued and she has sparked the beginnings of many curious gardeners.





Mim has also taught a Letters and Sounds Phonics programme to all the children at a level suitable to their stage of learning. She has supported lots of fantastic child-led play and promoted our Helicopter Stories. She is an inspiring and gentle teacher who will be much missed. Mim is going on to teach at Willow on the Farm Nursery School in Hook Norton, who are lucky to have found her!

You have not missed the chance to say goodbye to Mim, as she will return for our party day on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021 (see dates below)



We've also had to sing goodbye early to a few children who are moving away. If your child is also leaving before the end of term, please let us know.

However, along with the goodbyes, we have said lots of new hellos as reception teachers visited this week from St Marys primary School and Kingham Primary School and some of our children visited Holy Trinity Primary School to meet their new teachers and spend a little time in their new classroom. This year these arrangements are very specific to each school so please get in touch with your child's new school if you have any queries about induction.

Finally, learning in the garden continues this week with many chances to read and discuss stories. We have always celebrated books with our learners, but we have raised their importance even more with our daily reading sessions in our different colour groups. The children have become really used to hearing the cow bell and gathering under their colour group flag, in order to hear and discuss a story. So much communication and language can come from sharing stories together and as we do this daily, we are developing skills of quietening down in a group to relax and





attend to the book. The more this is happening, the more the children are deepening their love of story and their ability to immerse themselves in it. Then they are motivated to discuss it. To be transported into an imaginary world is a wonderful thing for a three or four year-old. It is a very different cognitive skill from watching television! And from reading learning begins. As teachers, we then develop this attention into challenges and child-led learning that leads on from the book.

### **Book ideas you can do at home**



Try this link from World Book Day to inspire book-based fun at home.

Once you have spent the initial time with your child, getting involved in the story, they will want to take on these ideas and do them independently after you get them started.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/resources/schools/early-years-ideas/>

### **Dates for your diary**

- **Party Day  
on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July  
2021**

We will be sending details of how we will organise the party this year closer to the time. But we will be asking for very specific party food this year to make sure that what we are all eating is allergy safe.



Have a super weekend

The Nursery School team