



# Grace Neighbourhood Nursery

## Summer Topic

Hello to all our Parent/Carers, hope you all enjoyed your Easter holidays and looking forward to a warm weather.

This Summer, the Children will be learning about minibeasts.

They will be learning about the life cycle of a butterfly, where minibeast live/eat, using magnifying lens and learning Nursery rhymes/songs.

The very hungry caterpillar and the bad tempered Ladybird are examples of books that will be read. They will also learn Rhymes and songs like Incy Wincy Spider and little Miss Muffet, investigating minibeasts in the garden and Forest School, dancing and moving to songs, junk modelling minibeasts, observing patterns and shapes and using ICT as a secondary resource to learn more about minibeasts.

You can support your Child by reading the books or rhymes that has been suggested and you can also visit Abbey Wood Park or Bostall Woods. There are lots of books to borrow from the local library to read at home and a member of Staff will be able to tell you where you can see songs/rhymes about minibeasts on the internet.

Our weekly planning for all age groups are displayed in the room so you can see what your child is learning. Feel free to ask a member of Staff if you have any questions.

## Tapestry

Your Child(ren's) learning journal is on Tapestry, we hope you have successfully logged in to view observations, you can also use it to write your own observations and upload any evidence of development. If you have no access to the online system because you don't have a smart phone, computer or tablet we will provide you with a paper assessment. **It is important that you use Tapestry for assessments and observations of Children's learning only. Please refer to your Parent Handbook or speak to Linda the Deputy Manager if you have any queries.**

## 30 hours Eligibility

All Parents who qualify for 30 hours (for child/ren who turned 3 before 31 August 2019) must confirm on the Childcare choices website [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) by the 31st July to get your 11 digit eligibility code (starts with 5000 or 11) for next term September 2019. You must give us your eligibility code for verification to the local authority and sign a Parental Declaration and agreement not later than 5th of August 2019. For others who are already on the scheme, you will need to reconfirm your eligibility every 3 months and give us the eligibility code again for verification. You can also contact HMRC on 0300 123 4097 if you have any problems with getting a code.

You can use the Childcare choice website to also apply for Tax - free Childcare if you don't pay fees with Childcare vouchers.

If this is your first time of applying for 30 hours, you have to inform us in writing before 18th of July that you want to increase your hours as we may not have any vacancies or speak to the Manager if you have any other questions.

## May 2019 Summer Term

### Dates for your Diary

#### Holidays

- ☺ 6/5/19 Bank Holiday closure.
- ☺ 11/5/19 10—1pm Open day, book appointments .
- ☺ 27/5 — 31/5 Half term break for term time only Children.
- ☺ W/C 10/06/19 Male week.
- ☺ 02/07 Trip to Wingham for School leavers.
- ☺ July—Graduation (dates to follow)
- ☺ 18/07/19 Summer term ends.

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## Other information

### Absence policy

At the very least, good attendance practice promotes good outcomes for children. Some benefits of good attendance are; securing relationships, building good habits, learning and developing self esteem.

The Nursery will record and monitor attendance of all Children to support the work of safeguarding young children and promote their learning and development. It is important you call the Nursery and give a reason why your child cannot attend on the day or if you are going to be late. We aim to work in partnership with our Parents and support you to make sure there are no barriers to your Child(ren) attending Nursery.

### Male Week

Week Commencing 10th June 2019

### Calling all Dads, Grandpa's Uncles and Big Brothers!!!

Come and spend half an hour of your time to read a story in English or your native language, sing a song, Cooking, kick a ball or any sport, teach Children how to count in your language, play musical instruments, talk about your job or play with the children. Please speak to a member of staff to arrange a suitable time for you to come in or for more information on how you can participate.



### Pre-School Graduates

Children leaving in July to a Reception class are going on a trip to **Wingham Wildlife Park on the 2nd of July 2019**. Parents will need to prepare packed lunch for the journey and children

must be in suitable clothing and sun cream labelled with child's name.

Our annual summer trip on the 27th of August is for all Parents, children and staff. We would like suggestions for where to go this year. Please see Karen or Linda with your suggestions.

### Forest School

Forest School resumes the week commencing 29th of April till the 12th of July. Ensure your Child brings in spare socks to change to after Forest School sessions and a pair of Wellies.

### Clothing

Make sure you bring the right clothing in for your children and ensure they are labelled including all bags and Lunch box.



### Graduation

Every year the Nursery organises a graduation

ceremony in July for Children leaving to a Reception Class. Several dates for the graduation will be held in July and we will let you know as soon as possible.

The Child/ren will be given a certificate on the day, let us know how many of your friends/close families/ will be attending to celebrate with you.

### Open Day

Our next open day is 11/05/19, it is important you attend so you can discuss your child/ren's progress with the Key Person. Don't forget to book a slot between 10am—12:45 however if you cannot make this time, feel free to book a convenient time during the week with your Child's key Person. It will be beneficial to check your Child's journal before the day.

### Photo session

Little Urchins will be in the Nursery from **9am till 2:30pm on 25/06/19** to take professional photos of your Children.

They will be taking photos of School leavers in their graduation gown and other children in contemporary styles. Children who don't attend on a Tuesday can come between 11:30am and 1pm on the day. Speak to Karen or Linda if you want siblings to take part.



### Sun cream

As the weather changes, your Child will need Sun cream applied at different times of the day. Can you ensure you give your labelled Sun cream to your Child's Key Person for safety purposes.

### Nursery Resources

We understand children want to extend their play at home and sometimes borrow our resources to take home. Can you please help us to ensure that any of our Nursery resources taken home to play with comes back to the Nursery so that other children can use it too.