



Grace Neighbourhood Nursery

Summer Topic

Summer and Journeys



Welcome back and hope you all had a great Easter holiday.

The theme for the summer term is Summer (seasons) and Journeys.

Children will learn about the Summer season and understand the natural world including seasonal changes relating to the weather, observing how seeds grow into plants and learning about some life cycles of animals.

Children will learn about the journeys we make on foot, type of transport on the road, where we can visit by rail, how we can travel on or under water and where they will like to go. They will be able to use their imagination to build types of transport, bus garage, train station or airport with lego or junk modelling. They will be able to talk about how they travel to School, read books like *Summer is here* by Heidi Pros Gray, *How do you know it is Summer* by Ruth Owen, *Guess how much I love you in the summer* by Sian Smith, *Paddington Bear in London*, *We are going on a Bear hunt* and *Mr Grumpy's Motor Car* by John Burningham.

The Children will be learning words to describe size and identify words in stories like huge, big, enormous, small and tiny to mention a few.

Some of the Nursery rhymes and songs they will be learning are *Once I Caught a Fish Alive*, *one potato two potato*, *5 little peas*, *5 little men in a flying saucer* and *there's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf*.

The following are suggestions you can do with your child (ren) to consolidate their learning about Summer (seasons) and Journeys:

Resources you will need: a plant pot or container to grow plants like empty yoghurt or any plastic cups, seeds, paper and family photos taken when travelling .

- Read some of the books above with your children
- Visit a garden centre
- Talking about different types of transport on the way to Nursery or going out
- Visit train stations, learning about train tickets, passports for travel
- Talking about Sun and road safety
- Planting seeds in a pot and measure the height of the plant regularly
- Discussing what a plant needs to grow and how we grow
- Role play with your children — Travel agent with holiday brochures, making number plates for cars, pretend you are driving any mode of transport etc

April 2022 Summer Term

Dates for your Diary

Holiday

- ☺ Summer term start date— 19/04/22
- ☺ 02/05/22 Bank Holiday, Nursery closed to all.
- ☺ 30/05/22—03/06/22 Half Term for Term time only children.
- ☺ 2nd and 3rd June 2022 Nursery closed for all—Bank Holiday.
- ☺ 06/06/22 Parent meeting day. Nursery closed for term time children.
- ☺ Male week week commencing 13/06/22
- ☺ Graduation—4th, 8th or 11th July TBC.
- ☺ 22/7/22 End of term for term time children.

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Parents meeting

Our next **Parent's meeting** is on **06/06/22** 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—3pm 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. **There will be no nursery for term time children as it is one of the 5 training days in the year.**

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. **Tapestry is only meant for observations.**

Leavers trip and Graduation



We have booked a leavers trip for all the children starting reception in September. We are going to **Wingham Wildlife Park in Canterbury on Thursday 14th July**. The cost for the coach and entry to the park is £30. To secure the booking for your child please make payment by the end of April. We are taking bookings on a first come first served basis.

The dates booked for this year's **leavers graduation** are **Monday 4th of July, Friday 8th of July & Monday 11th of July at 10.00am**. Invites will be sent out nearer the time.

Reception Admissions



If you applied for a Reception place for your Child, you would have received the outcome from the Council by email or letter. Once you have accepted the offer, inform Karen on 0208 310 0040 so we can arrange a smooth transition for your Child to their new School. You can email kstephens@gracenursery.co.uk.

30 hours Eligibility

All Parents who qualify for 30 hours (**for child/ren who turned 3 before 31 August 2022**) should have confirmed on the Childcare choices website www.childcarechoices.gov.uk by the **29th of July 2022** to get your 11 digit eligibility code (starts with 5000 or 11) for next term September 2022 You should have given us your eligibility code for verification to the local authority and sign a Parental Declaration and agreement not later than **5th of August 2022**. **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.

Male Week

Week Commencing 13th June 2022

Calling all Dads, Grandpa's uncles and Big brothers!!! We are celebrating Male week from the week commencing 13/06/22. You can come in and read a story in any language, sing a song, PE or keep fit for a couple of minutes, teach Children how to count in your language, play musical instruments, talk about your job or any other suggestions that will benefit the children. Please speak to a member of staff to get involved or email info@gracenursery.co.uk



Forest School

Forest School for Pre-school

resumes the week commencing 9th of May till the 11th of July. Ensure your Child brings in spare socks to change to after Forest School sessions and a pair of Wellies.

We will inform you to let you know what day your child will start their session.



Sun cream It is that time of the year again when we need to protect our skin from UVA and UVB rays of the sun. Apply suncream on your child and you can label the cream so we keep one in the Nursery. Your children can wear light long sleeve clothing and a hat to protect them from the sun's rays.