



Foxglove Violet Hill

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Welcome back!

A particularly warm welcome to all our new families; we hope you enjoy your time with us at Foxglove Nursery.



Focus Book

We have a focus book at nursery which we explore in detail, each book for 2 weeks. The children really enjoy these books and get deep into the story and the characters. Our next chosen focus books are Jasper's Beanstalk and Little Red Hen.

Sensory Room

The new sensory room is fully installed now and very popular with the children (and staff!) It is a very calming space, a lovely place to chill and chat.

Suncream and Wellies

The weather is very changeable at this time of year, so we need to be ready for everything so we can continue to access the outside area.

Please apply suncream before children come to nursery, we will stay in the shade in the afternoon as we cannot reapply suncream at the moment. Please supply a **named sunhat** that can stay at nursery.



Keeping safe with Coronavirus

Thank you so much for your support with our policies to keep our children, staff and families safe. Please continue to follow the guidelines and keep your children at home if they feel unwell.

Tapestry

We love seeing what the children have been doing at home when you put pictures on Tapestry, and hope you enjoy seeing what the children have done at Foxglove.

Please remember you are not permitted to download photos from Tapestry, and please do not share anything on social media. You will be able to download a PDF of your child's learning journey at the end of their nursery time.

Letter sound and number of the week

Every week we have a featured letter sound and a number of the week.

<u>Week beginning</u>	<u>Letter</u>	<u>Number</u>
26 th April	s	1
3 rd May	a	2
10 th May	t	3
17 th May	p	4
24 th May	I	5
7 th June	n	6
14 th June	m	7
21 st June	e	8
28 th June	o	9
5 th July	g	10

We always use phonic sounds at nursery, so 'a' like the start of apple, 't' like the start of tiger.

Names of letters come later on. This is so the sounds can be blended easily to make a word. There are some useful YouTube videos on sound pronunciation.

[#BacktoSchool Phonics - Letter Sounds: SATP | Level One | Alphablocks - Bing video](#)

If you wish to start looking at the shape of letters, use lower case, apart from at the beginning of names.

Transitions

Everyone who is leaving this year should now have heard which school their child has been allocated. We will be speaking with the Reception teachers, to pass on the children's likes and dislikes and who their friends are. We would like to share with families which children are going to each school, so you can make contact with other families.

We would suggest that you don't make too big a thing of school transitions just yet, there is a long time to wait and we don't want children to get worried. If you do talk about school then avoid calling it 'Big School,' and always talk positively about the next steps. Children do pick up on adult worries and they have a wonderful time ahead of them. School in the Foundation Stage is very similar to nursery, with lots of play and supportive adults.

Chickens

We are so excited that we are going to be having chickens at Foxglove Violet Hill. The chickens are ex-battery hens, and they are currently living at Lindsey's house as they settle down to more free range living. We are waiting for their house and run to be delivered and they will come to live in the garden at nursery. The children will be involved in their care, feeding and watering and collecting the eggs. If your child has any allergies to chickens or eggs please let me know. Children will be able to watch the birds from outside the run if they are more comfortable



Life Cycles

We have got some frogspawn and tadpoles at nursery at the moment, which we will hopefully see grow into frogs.

We also have some caterpillars coming soon, and we will look forward to watching them develop and change into butterflies.



Dates for your diary

Week beginning 10 th May	Phone calls to parents of children who have recently started at Foxglove.
Week beginning 14 th June	Phone calls to parents of children who are already at Foxglove.
Monday 5 th July	Photos at Foxglove We will offer family group photos from about 8.30am, children who are not usually at nursery on this day will be invited to come later in the morning. More information to follow.
Date to be confirmed	End of term outing - details to follow. We hope as many families as possible will be able to join us on our outing as we celebrate our nursery year and say goodbye to our friends starting primary school.



Term dates for 2021

Summer term 2021

Starts: Monday 12th April 2021
Half term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021
Ends: Friday 16th July 2021

Autumn term 2021

Starts: Thursday 2nd September 2021
Half term: Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October 2021
Ends: Wednesday 15th December 2021

Spring term 2022

Starts: Tuesday 4th January 2022
Half term: Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February 2022
Ends: Friday 8th April 2022

Please don't hesitate to ask me or your child's key person if you have any questions or concerns. It is usually easier to give you our full attention at the end of the session rather than the beginning. If it's not urgent then please email on foxglovemontessori@yahoo.com
Looking forward to a great term,
Lindsey Harvey, Principal

Please name everything you send to nursery:
Lunch boxes, drink bottles, coats, welly boots, shoes, hats and hoodies all need naming.
Thank you!