



Foxglove Montessori Nursery

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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 The Very Hungry Caterpillar and Supertato.

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.

We will be outside a lot again this term, enjoying the summer together. Our new nature garden is in use now and very popular with the children. We are growing lots of different vegetables, and hoping for a bumper crop.



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.

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.



Lunch boxes

We encourage the children to learn about healthy eating at nursery and how to keep themselves fit and well.

We would be very grateful if you do not send chocolate, crisps or sweets and no fizzy drinks please. This includes no chocolate spread please as it is very difficult to tell chocolate spread from Nutella. Please send only water in drink bottles.

We have some children with allergies this term, so no nuts, salmon or shellfish please.

Please send a hard lunch box that we can wipe on arrival at nursery, Tupperware or an old ice cream tub are fine. Please name lunchboxes.

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	3
3 rd May	a	4
10 th May	t	5
17 th May	p	6
24 th May	i	7
7 th June	n	8
14 th June	m	9
21 st June	e	10
28 th June	o	11
5 th July	g	12

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.

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.
Tuesday 6 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 - we are hoping to arrange an outing depending on current Coronavirus restrictions. More details will 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 12 th April 2021
Half term:	Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June 2021
Ends:	Friday 16 th July 2021

Autumn term 2021

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

Spring term 2022

Starts:	Tuesday 4 th January 2022
Half term:	Monday 21 st February to Friday 25 th February 2022
Ends:	Friday 8 th 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 and hoodies all need naming.
Thank you!**