



# KMS Nursery Newsletter

## Summer Term 2023

Welcome back everyone! We hope you have all had a great Easter break. We're onto our final terms together and we have lots of enjoyable discovering to do, whilst getting ready for moving on to Reception in September.

Our theme for the Summer term is **"What a Wonderful World"** with a focus on animals and plants. Throughout the term we will be growing plants, learning to care for the natural environment and learning through an animal topic.

During Term 5 we plan to focus on minibeasts, including learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and learning some songs to help us.

Before we break up for half term, we have Artweek with the whole school, where we all look at one picture and our work stems from there.

In Term 6 we move on to other animals:

Pets, farm animals, ducks and other birds, animals everywhere.

More detailed plans are on the KMS website, but we may also deviate from these topics in order to follow the interests of the children.

### Literacy

The school scheme, Little Wandle focuses on the sounds of words (phonemes) rather than how they are written down (graphemes). We shall continue to prioritise tuning into the sounds of words, with emphasis on oral blending and segmenting. However, some of the children are starting to develop an awareness of what letters look like (graphemes). If you follow this up at home, please use lower case rather than capitals, and refer to letters by their sounds eg "mmm" rather than "em". We are continuing with getting children to write their name, so again, please avoid capitals apart from for the initial letter.

### Tapestry

Thank you for your continued cooperation with Tapestry. It has been great seeing posts from home to show other aspects of your child's achievements. This really gives us a rounded picture of your child. Please keep this coming in. We will continue to communicate via Tapestry, so make sure you check regularly for any messages or updates. Please note that we cannot guarantee that we will see your posts on the day, so please email the office with general questions and information which need to be seen.

### Sun /rain protection

As the weather heats up, please remember to apply long- lasting sun cream each day and send your child in a sun hat. As it's so changeable in this country, we do also like the children to have a waterproof light coat in case it rains. Please remember to cover your child's legs and arms on Woodland days.

### Characteristics of Effective Learning

We are continuing with our four animals to help us to have a good attitude to learning and to tie in with the school's Growth Mindset policy. The children are awarded an animal ticket to take home if we notice them demonstrating one of the positive attitudes to learning.

The four animals are: Go for it Gorilla Creative Chameleon Concentrating Crocodile Persevering Parrot

### Bookshare dates:

Wednesday 3rd May 2.30pm

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 9am

Monday 19<sup>h</sup> June 2.30pm

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 9am

Nursery Day Trip:

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June Class visit to Hogshaw Farm (All day for full-time and part-time children)