



Welcome back to a busy summer term at Riverbank Nursery

This term the children will be thinking about Minibeasts, Our Vegetable Garden and our Pre-School children will be taking part in our Countdown to School programme!

Our topic will include lots of time outdoors, planting and investigating the wildlife in our gardens. We will also be watching caterpillars change to butterflies and looking after earthworms.

We will have an exciting visit from **ZooLab** later in the month where we will have the opportunity to meet some unusual creatures and even hold some of them! Keep an eye out for more information coming soon.

As we move closer to the summer, our Pre-School children will be getting ready for Primary 1. More information on our Countdown to School programme will be given by Mrs Sunley later in the term.

With the weather finally brightening up, we will be taking **weekly walks** to Cruikshank Gardens. Please keep an eye on the whiteboard in the cloakroom for which rainbow group is going each week and whether we need parent helpers!

As the sun is also out, please remember to provide your child with a **sunhat** for outdoor play and also to **apply sunscreen** to your child before the session. We will have sunscreen on hand in the nursery for you to apply to your child on arrival if you need.

Riverbank Nursery Newsletter

April - July 2015

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Special Events and Dates to Remember

- **Friday 1st May** – In-Service Day (School Closed to pupils)
- **Monday 4th May** - HOLIDAY
- **Thursday 7th May** – General Election (School closed to pupils)
- **Thursday 14th May** – ZooLab Visit to Nursery
- **Friday 3rd July** – Last Day of Term

Dates to be confirmed:

Nursery Graduation, Nursery Sports Day, P1 Induction Meeting

Learning Journeys

Please remember you can add to your child's learning journey folder at any-time. Please feel free to talk to your child's keyworker if you would like advice on this – or you can pick up the guidance from the cloakroom area. Your child's keyworker is identifiable by the colour of folder they have.

- **Red:** Miss Logan
- **Blue:** Mrs Lade/Mrs England
- **Yellow:** Miss Walker
- **Green:** Mrs Fettes

English As An Additional Language

Barbara Szumanska from the EAL service will be in the Nursery every Wednesday to support children with English as an Additional Language. Barbara is a fluent Polish speaker and additionally can speak some Russian. She is also available for translation if parents need assistance in speaking with staff.

Reminders

Drop Off:

Morning session - between 8.30am and 9am.

Afternoon session – between 12.20pm and 12.30pm.

Please try and arrive and leave within these times as staff then need to take up their various duties around the nursery and answering the door takes a valuable staff member away from the children and disrupts the session.

It should also be noted that **the playground gate is locked at 12.30pm** due to the P1s being out in the playground from that time. Arrival or departure outwith this time again results in a valuable staff member being taken away from their duties within the nursery.

Snack Payment: Snack is £2.50 per week and should be paid by Wednesday. Please ensure you are completely up to date with your child's snack payments. If you are having trouble keeping up with snack payments, please have a chat with a member of the team.

Shoes: We encourage the children to be as independent as possible when getting changed to go outside. This includes putting on their own shoes. Recently children have been coming to nursery with outdoor shoes that are difficult to put on or have laces. As you can imagine, this hampers their growing independence as they need an adult to help them. We have 40 children in each session so you can imagine how much time could be taken up with children needing help with putting on difficult shoes. **Please consider both the indoor and outdoor shoes your child has for nursery and whether they can be independent in putting them on.**

Communication

Please keep an eye on the main nursery door, notice boards and the letter trays in the cloakroom for information and important letters. We would hate for you to miss anything!

We now have Nursery Blogs for morning and afternoon which are accessible at:

Morning Nursery:

<http://riverbank.aberdeen.sch.uk/blogs/nurseryam/>

Afternoon Nursery:

<http://riverbank.aberdeen.sch.uk/blogs/nurserypm/>



If you have any concerns, comments or ideas please do not hesitate to speak with a member of the team or write them on a sticky note to add to our comments tree in the cloakroom.

Our Deputy Head Teacher, Mrs Sunley, is also in the nursery at Wednesday drop-off time to meet with parents.

The Nursery Team

Miss Logan, Mrs Lade,
Miss Walker, Mrs Fettes, and Mrs England