



Derwentwater Nursery | Friday 22nd October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, in the Nursery, we played games that encourage turn-taking and have introduced a new behaviour chart. Each child has a peg with their name and photo on it. We have been discussing good choices and sad choices at carpet time. We know that a good choice will help our peg to move up the chart. If our peg moves up to 'Outstanding', we receive a gold medal to take home. We also discussed choices that could make us feel sad and how our actions can also make others sad.



- We have been counting and making patterns in the creative area. The children used the numicon frames to create printed designs and then counted the holes in the numicon frame.
- We investigated how car tyres make exciting patterns in the paint, and learned about colour mixing as the cars move from one colour to another
- We are continuing to recognise and write our names. Next time you come into the nursery, look out for our wonderful name writing and patterns displays.
- We have continued to follow and plan activities around the children's interests of animals. This week the children have been listening to and retelling the story of 'Brown Bear'. The have created caves with junk modelling.



In the outdoor area we have been observing, comparing and sorting the changing colours and falling leaves of autumn. We then brushed red, orange, and brown paint onto the collected leaves and cones to make prints and explored the textures and patterns that appear.



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Lunch and snacks

At Derwentwater, we aim to promote healthy eating. We are aware of the importance of children having a balanced diet, and we provide a healthy snack of fruit during the morning session and again in the afternoon.

We would like to reiterate that **we do not** encourage children to bring in chocolate or crisps from home. Please do not put these into your child's bag.

Library

We exchange library books every Friday. Please ensure that your child comes to school with their Library book and we will give you the new book record. Please make sure to bring the book bag every Monday and Friday. If your child still doesn't have one, please purchase it from the office.

Change of Clothes

We would be grateful if all parents could provide their child with a change of clothes. Children sometimes have toileting accidents or get wet playing in the water, and we have limited supplies of clothes and storage space for them in Nursery. Please leave the change of clothes in a named bag on your child's peg and check daily to see if they need to be replenished.

We would appreciate your help!

To help us get the resources and ingredients that need to be bought regularly, such as playdough and cooking ingredients, we ask you for a kind donation each half-term. This works out as £12 a Year or £2 a term.

Help your child to read

Reread

Reread your child's favourite stories as many times as your child wants to hear them. Choose books and authors that your child enjoys.



Look

Look at the pictures and talk about them. For example, 'Can you find a bird or a cat?', 'What else can you see?', 'What are the children playing? Have you played that before?'



Visit

Visit the local library together. It is fun choosing new books to read. Keep an eye out for special story events at the library or local bookshops that you can join in with.



We hope every family has a happy and safe half term break and we look forward to hearing about all your adventures when school returns on Tuesday 2nd of November.

Thank you and have a lovely weekend

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Nursery routine

AM Nursery	PM Nursery
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doors open at 8:45 am • Parents of unsettled children are encouraged to stay with their children. We would like to ask you to try to stay with your child in the outdoor area as much as possible. • We follow and plan around the children's interests. Learning takes place through child-initiated play and purposeful planned activities. • Story/Singing and phonics time takes place daily • Healthy snack is provided • Morning children are collected at 11:45 am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doors open at 12:20 pm and close at 12:30 pm for our afternoon children • Parents of unsettled children are encouraged to stay with their children. We would like to ask you to try to stay with your child in the outdoor area as much as possible. • We follow and plan around the children's interests. Learning takes place through child-initiated play and purposeful planned activities. • Story/Singing and phonics time takes place daily • Healthy snack is provided • Children are collected at 3:15
<p>Full time places are also available. Please see website for more details.</p> <p>https://www.derwentwaterschool.com/school-info/admissions</p>	

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