Planning

At Fairway Nursery, we use the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum as a guide to choose learning intentions for our weekly planning. The main focus of the EYFS is that children learn through play and in nursery we plan daily according to the children’s interests.

Once a term each child has a focus week, where staff carry out more detailed observations of them. Using the observations, the keyworker selects learning intentions for the child to help them to achieve the targets set for them. We will also take into consideration your child’s opinions and will ask them what they would like to play with the following week. We will keep you informed of your child’s overall development and targets set for them for that term.

In Cherry Tree and Apple Tree Class a teddy is sent home for the children to look after for the week and we ask parents to take pictures of the adventures your child has with the teddy and write a brief account of what your child does with the teddy and post these photos on Tapestry.

Drop off and Collection times

Please ensure children are dropped off and collected on time and from the correct entrance. The outside gates stay open for 10 minutes.

Apple Tree - Drop off (8.30 & 12.15) and collection (11.30 & 3.15) from outside gate

Cherry Tree - Drop off (8.30) and collection (3.15) from outside gate, collection (11.30) from sunspace door

Blossom Tree - Drop off (8.30 & 12.15) and collection (3.15) from outside gate, collection (11.30) from sunspace door
Library

To support your child's literacy development we have an exciting activity for you and your child. The aim of this is to encourage quality time looking at books and sharing stories with each other.

The children will get the opportunity to select a library book with room staff either Monday, Wednesday or Thursday. The library book will be in an individually named book bag and will be placed in the child's draw.

Please ensure that the book bag is in the library box on the morning of their selection day.

Apple Tree Class – Thursday
Cherry Tree Class – Monday or Thursday
Blossom Class – Monday or Wednesday

Book of the week

In Blossom Class we would like to encourage parents to view our book of the week which will be displayed on the notice board. This is to enhance repetition of familiar stories.

Festivals and Celebrations

This term we will be celebrating the following festivals, Rosh Hashana, Black History Month, Diwali, Halloween, Harvest Festival, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Sunday, Hanukkah and Christmas.

We will be planning fun activities to help the children learn about different cultures, customs and celebrations.

If you would like to share the ways in which you celebrate at home with us, please speak to Sani in Cherry Tree Class to arrange this.
Apple Tree and Cherry Tree Class Only

Read, Write, Inc - Phonics

In Cherry Tree and Apple Tree Classes we will beginning to implement a phonics program, “Read, Write Inc”. We will be teaching the children a new letter sound every week and reviewing all the learnt sounds as we go.

The sounds are taught in a particular order, not 'a,b,c'. To ensure we are working in conjunction with you, we would like you to watch the following video of the correct phonetic sounds.

Please visit www.ruthmiskin.com
Click on downloads and videos
In the search box type in sound pronunciation guide

To help your child with the correct letter formations we have attached all the sounds with their accompanying rhymes that we use to help children to form letters.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to talk to a member of staff.
**Autumn walks**

As the season begins to change, please encourage your child to bring in interesting autumnal items such as bright coloured leaves, conkers and acorns to share with us at nursery.

**Reminder**

Can we please remind you that as the weather is changing please could you ensure that your children have waterproof coats/jackets and welly boots preferably named.

**Tapestry**

If you are experiencing any trouble accessing your child’s Tapestry account please see Kajal in Cherry Tree Class.

**Dates for your diary**

- Thursday 26th Sept - McMillan Coffee Morning/Bake off
- Thursday 17th October - Nursery Cake Sale
- Monday 21st October - Friday 25th October - Half term
- Friday 15th November - Individual school photos
- Thursday 19th December - End of term
- Monday 6th January - Staff training day
- Tuesday 7th January - Children return

If you have any questions at any time please do not hesitate to ask.

*Many Thanks*

*Early Years Team*