

# SIMPSON NURSERY NEWSLETTER

February 2018

## Our learning

We enjoyed learning all about bridges and trains as part of our previous Floorbook theme. Please visit the website address below to view our Sway (an interactive presentation) which illustrates our learning:

[Go to this Sway](#)



## Our learning this term

Children have been showing a lot of interest in Superhero's through their play in the nursery. We are currently exploring the positive role of superheroes and how they help people.

## How can you help?

If you have any comments you would like to share with us or a comment your child has shared at home about what make a hero please feel free to tell a member of staff or add it to our planning wall in the cloakroom.

We are also looking for some volunteers to come in to talk about careers which involve caring for or looking after people. If you would be happy to come in and talk to the children about this please speak to a member of staff.

## Eco Monitors

The children have been taking responsibility by being weekly Eco monitors. The different responsibilities include water monitor, light monitor, recycling monitor and food waste monitor. Please ask you child if they have been a monitor, or check our Eco display in the cloakroom.

## IMPORTANT DATES

1<sup>st</sup> March Whole School Family Learning Event (Evening)

1<sup>st</sup> March World Book Day

13<sup>th</sup> March Stay, Play & Learn

21<sup>st</sup> March Parent/Career Meetings

22<sup>nd</sup> March Parent/Career Meetings

26<sup>th</sup> March – 6<sup>th</sup> April Holiday

## \*Allergies\*

As we have a number of children with severe allergies **please do not bring your own food or drinks into nursery (including in bags in the cloakroom)** as this compromises the risk assessments we have put in place to safely meet the health care needs of all children. Please hand any essential food/drink items to the nursery staff to store safely in the kitchen area.

## Children's clothing

Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name (including spare changes, coats, outdoor shoes etc.).

## Outdoor Play

Children will have access to outdoor play in all weathers. Please ensure your child comes to nursery in weather appropriate clothing, for example, wearing a waterproof jacket and wellies on wet days.

## Snack

The cost of snack remains at £1.50 per week this year. Please pay any snack money on a Monday to the member of staff at the painting table.

## Stay, Play and Learn

We enjoy working in partnership with our parents/carers and therefore would like to invite you to attend Stay, Play and Learn.

The next Stay, Play and Learn days are on:

\* Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

\* Tuesday 13<sup>rd</sup> March

## Resource Request

We are looking to continue to develop our Loose Parts and Muddy Kitchen play areas in Nursery. We are looking for donations of any of the following resources:

- Shells & pebbles
- Olds pots & pans
- Wooden bowls & baskets
- Wooden spoons
- Keys & padlocks
- Magnets
- Nuts & bolts
- Buttons
- Wooden pallets
- Natural rope



### Celebrating Success

We enjoy celebrating achievements. Share your child's wider achievements with us by writing it on an apple post-it note (available in the cloakroom) which we will share during the nursery session. You can also add wider achievements, including photographs, to your child's online learning journal.

### Update of information

Please remember to inform a member of nursery staff as soon as any changes occur to emergency contact details.

### Communication

#### Letters

Please let us know if you do not currently receive letters electronically and we can add you to our email list. Any printed letters will be put in document wallets in your child's coloured group trays for collection. Please check the trays regularly at the end of each session. We will also add a copy of each letter to the cloakroom folder for your reference.

#### Blog

Please check our blog for weekly updates about our learning in nursery at the end of each week. Visit:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/simpson/>

#### Twitter

We now have Twitter! Follow us @NurserySimpson for regular updates and reminders.

#### Cloakroom Noticeboard

Please check the noticeboard in the cloakroom for weekly updates. We will begin sharing this on our Twitter feed for those parents/carers who are unable to make it in to our nursery.

#### Online Journals

Please check your child's Online Learning Journal for regular updates on their learning. If you have any trouble accessing your account please let us know.

### Suggestions

If you have any suggestions related to the nursery, please note your suggestion on a post-it note and pop it in the suggestion box in the cloakroom.

### Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for any volunteers with experience in landscaping to tidy up our outdoor area, in particular pruning and reshaping our willow den. Please speak to a member of staff if you, or someone you know, would be able to help us out.

### Gym

This term we will be visiting the school hall on a Wednesday for Physical Education.

### End of session procedures

At the end of the morning sessions we would request that adults collect shoes and coats etc. prior to coming in to collect children, using spaces in the nursery to get children ready for home. This would help to ease congestion in the cloakroom.

### Simpson Primary Loves to Read

We recently enjoyed a visit from Bookbug to Simpson Nursery. Simpson Primary is promoting a love of reading, through a creative photo challenge. We would like you to share the enjoyment of books! Tweet us photos of you reading together or your child reading their favourite book – the more creative the better! Use the hashtag #SPSLovesToRead and @NurserySimpson. We will print some to add to our Nursery displays to share the love of reading.

Not on Twitter? Email your photo to:

[wlsimpson-ps@westlothian.org.uk](mailto:wlsimpson-ps@westlothian.org.uk)



### Nursery Staff

Nursery teacher:

**Mrs Dandie** (Monday, Tuesday & alternate Fridays)

Early Years Officers:

**Miss Johnstone** and **Mrs Sharkey**

Nursery Nurses:

**Mrs Aitken**, **Miss Bambrough**, **Mrs Galloway** (Wednesday, Thursday and alternate Friday),

**Mrs Henderson** (Monday, Tuesday, alternate

Fridays), **Mrs Lejkowski** (mornings), **Mrs Marshall**

(Wednesday, Thursday and alternate Friday), **Miss**

**Meldrum** (morning sessions), **Mrs Smith** (afternoon sessions)

Pupil Support Worker:

Mrs Peat

Extended hours staff:

Mrs Drummond, Mrs Kirk, Mrs Miller

### Nursery hours

**AM** Monday to Friday: Drop off between: 8.00-8.35am *Core hours: 8.35-11.05am* Collect between: 10.50-11.05am

Friday only: Collect between: 10.50-11.28am

**PM** Monday to Thursday: *Core Hours: 12.09- 3.05pm*

Collect between: 3.05-4.06pm