



## Long Knowle Primary School

### The Early Years

A special welcome to new children and their parents joining Nursery this term. Children in the Early Years learn by playing and exploring, being active and through creative and critical thinking which takes place both indoors and outside.

There are three 'prime' areas of learning in the Early Years: personal, social and emotional development, physical development and communication and language. These prime areas of learning give children the skills and confidence they need to access learning in the 'specific' areas of learning: literacy, mathematics, understanding the world, using and exploring media and materials.

We offer children in our Nursery a rich and stimulating curriculum across all the areas of learning, supporting children to go where their curiosity takes them, to develop ideas, interests and relationships with one another.

### Marvellous Me

MarvellousMe tells you about the wonderful things that your child is learning, and pings you when they've been praised for good work, a great character skill, or received school rewards. It makes you smile, feel proud, and inspires better home learning support and encouragement. Plus, it helps you to stay on top of homework, events and other school tasks. MarvellousMe is free for parents. You'll get exciting alerts if you use it on your smartphone or tablet. Please ask Mrs Frisby for a joining code if you do not have one.

### Minibeasts, Growing & Sea Creatures

Our topic this half term is minibeasts and growing plants and then after half term exploring life beneath the ocean.

Each week we will have a new story which we will base our work around. These include: Jack and the Beanstalk, The Enormous Turnip, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, What the Ladybird Heard, Super Worm and Oliver's Vegetables for the first half term, then: Sharing a Shell, Tiddler, Barry the Fish with Fingers, Tickly Octopus, Fidgety Fish, Billy's Bucket and Look Out for the Big Bad Fish during the second half term.



We hope to plan a visit to Northcote Farm during the second half term.

### Sunnier Days!

Hopefully we can look forward to some sunshine over the next term so can we please remind parents that children should have sun cream applied before they arrive at Nursery, (we are unable to apply it during the session). Your child should bring a plastic bottle with water or flavoured water to drink and wear a sun hat. No open toe sandals please due to health and safety.

### Mothers' Day Event

Thank you to everyone that was able to attend our very special Mothers' Day Event last term, it was wonderful to see so many Mums, Nans, Aunts and other special adults.

It was a fun packed day filled with activities such as: biscuit decorating, flower making and just enjoying the many indoor and outdoor learning opportunities, which your children have access to on a daily basis.

It was so successful that we hope to provide Dads, Granddads and Uncles with a similar day near to Father's Day!



### Donations

Thank you for your weekly donations this term.

So far, we have bought equipment for planting beanstalks, and ingredients to make playdough which is lots of fun but also helps children to strengthen the muscles in their small hands which helps improve writing skills.

Just £1 a week also allows us to create additional learning opportunities for your child and gives us the flexibility to respond to the ideas of the children in the Nursery.

### Nursery Dates/Events:

- **Fathers' Day Celebration: Date to be confirmed**
- **Nursery visit to Northcote Farm: Date to be confirmed**
- **Nursery closed: Friday 20th July**