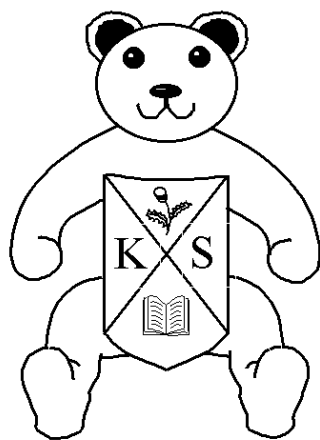


# Killermont Nursery Class



## Parent Information Spring/Summer 2019



### What our Children Are Learning

Recently we have been talking about what changes happen in Spring & of course we had a great Easter Egg Hunt courtesy of Asda, Bearsden. Thank you to Mrs Morse for making our cute chicks!

As the weather is becoming warmer the children are spending more time outdoors and we are beginning to learn about planting & growing.

Recently the children have been finding different insects in the gardens & are keen to learn more about them. We will be having a visit from a RSPB volunteer on Thurs 9th May who will help us learn more animal habitats.

Once the weather becomes a bit warmer we will be starting planting and learning about caring for our plants. We are always keen to involve our families. If you would like to help with this please speak to Mrs Owler. As part of sustainable development we will be involving the children in planning what we will be planting.

We hope the weather will continue to warm up so please send in a sunhat every day in your child's bag and put sun-cream on before they come to nursery.

The children will also be learning about how to stay safe when playing outside focusing particularly on road and sun safety.

The children will also soon receive their next Ziggy book. You may wish to explore other resources on [www.streetsense2.com](http://www.streetsense2.com)

### Learning Journeys

This term parents/carers have been invited to come into nursery for a Play & Share session when their child can share with them the things they like to do in nursery and the opportunity to have a short 'learning conversation' with their child and key worker. The pre-school children will choose 1 or 2 stars for things they like to do as well as a wish, which is the next step they have chosen in their learning. The younger children will give a thumbs-up to something they enjoy in nursery.



### Pre-school Transition

Our pre-school children will soon be moving into P1 and to support them in this transition we have planned joint learning experiences with P1. This will provide opportunities for their peers in P1 to introduce them to the routines in school and working more independently. There will also be further induction sessions in June where the children will be visiting the P1 classroom and meeting their new teachers.

To further support the children at this time we will be using the resource Oh Lila!, which is based on a story about a rabbit called Lila. It teaches the importance of talking to someone

if we have any concerns or worries and help to develop the resilience to cope with change and challenges. This input fits in very well with our whole Killermont focus on *Getting It Right for Every Child (GIRFEC)*.

As part of our support for transition into P1 our **pre-school** parents will shortly be invited to book an appointment for the Parent's Evening on Tuesday 4th June using our on-line booking system (details will be sent out).

### **Forest Kindergarten**

This year all the morning pre-school children have had the opportunity to go on regular Forest Kindergarten visits. We are very grateful to all our parents who volunteered to help. Without them it would not have been possible.

We amended the way we plan the visits based on feedback from last year's parents so that the children have the opportunity to experience the environment across different seasons. We have also had very good uptake on the Forest Family bags that we have to lend out. If you would like to borrow one please speak to Mrs May.

### **Lending Library**

Our last library day will be Wednesday 15th of May so that all books are returned by the end of May. This will allow us to sort our resources prior to our refit & extension during the summer & into next session. Please return your child's book & bag by this date.

### **Staff Training**

During the February inset, all staff received training on Emotion Coaching from our educational psychologist, Kate Spalding, which is linked to our staff development on attachment & adverse childhood experiences.

In March Mrs Owler attended a full days training on Play on Pedals. This means we now have two members of staff trained who can support children in learning to ride a bike.

On 21st may Mrs May will be attending a seminar at Strathclyde University on early level pedagogy with school colleagues.

There is also a forthcoming parents information meeting for anyone wanting to know more about Attachment and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) on Tuesday 30th April in the school at 6–7 p.m. To which all nursery & school parents & carers are invited.

### **Summer Treats**

We are planning a puppet show to entertain the children on Friday 1 June.



On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June we will be celebrating the end of term with a fun day for all the children. This is a change of date to allow for us to prepare for our refurbishment over the summer.

All our children are invited to attend these events. If your child does not normally attend on this day please let us know if you wish them to come along.

### **Sports Day**



This year our annual sport's day will be on Tuesday 21st May at 10.30 a.m. /2.00 p.m. (weather permitting). As part of our P.E. programme the children will be practicing team games and their races in preparation for this event to which parents/ carers are invited.

### **Nursery Graduation**

On Friday 21st June we will be celebrating the pre-school children's time in nursery and presenting them with a certificate to acknowledge their achievements before they move into P1. If your child is unable to attend please tell a member of staff so alternative arrangements can be made. All pre-school children's parents/ carers are invited to attend at 10.30 a.m. More information will be given nearer to the time.

### **Coffee & Chat Feedback**

Thank you for taking time to complete our questionnaire. We will take comments on board as we move forward to next session.

On the whole the feedback has been positive & we will continue to look at timings of these sessions.

*Susan May*  
*Nursery Teacher*