



# Old Oak Nursery

April 2023

## Welcome back!

After a long Easter holiday, we are returning to a few shorter weeks with Bank Holidays and NEU action days, but the children resettled so well after the holiday! Please see Seesaw for important dates and reminders– they also feature in the school’s weekly Newsletter on Fridays on Seesaw.

**If your child is four before August 31st you should have received confirmation of a Reception Class place by now.**

This half term we will be learning about planting and growing. Please send in a washed, named, large clear bottle, cut in half for us to use as a planter.

We will continue to build our knowledge of numbers, in particular recognising and ordering numbers. We will also further develop our ‘phonological’ skills with rhyming our names and singing our sounds songs.

We will be focusing on making our drawings look different to our ‘writing’ and will start to write our names and other letters.



## Reminders:

**Please do not send anything with nuts in – we have children with very severe allergies** and please avoid sending kiwi too.

In packed lunches, please remember to cut grapes in half (lengthways) since they are a choking hazard for under 5s.

Please send in a named bag with a spare change of clothes– as the weather warms we may get wet with water play!



## Parents’ Meetings

It was lovely to see so many of you at our parents’ meetings to discuss your child’s progress on Monday 24th and Wednesday 25th. If you missed the opportunity and would like to see your child’s book, please just ask.

Reception transfer children will receive a report next term and we will begin transition work after the May holiday.

## Focus on Maths

Numbers and maths are everywhere! It helps your child if you use maths language every day in your home. For example you could;

1. Count the number of plates you get out at dinner time and the number of knives and forks
2. Talk about how heavy or light your shopping is 
3. Think about who is the tallest or shortest in the family 
4. Name the numbers you can see whilst walking around the town such as the numbers that are on buses or doors



## Nursery Staff

Susan Smart  
Gail Toner  
Amy Lansdown  
Madison Bowcambe  
Tanya Phillips  
Anne-Marie-TA  
Karen Phillips-MMS  
Lilly-MMS

## How you can help:

Please read the ‘How to help at home’ sheets and practice the suggested skills. Why not post a video on Seesaw for us to see?

Please collect ‘junk’ for us to use in school, - boxes, tubes (not toilet rolls), wrapping paper, tissue paper, ribbon, cut up fabric etc.

-We would love squeezey and pump bottles please.

**Please remember our ‘Class Kitty’ which is a £1 contribution per week per family to enable us to buy our exciting fruits to try as well as resources such as bubbles and playdough etc.**

Thank you!

## Curriculum

Attached to the back of this letter is the half term plan which outlines the areas of learning we will be