



HILL HOUSE SCHOOL

JG/mr

6 September 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

Nursery Michaelmas Term Curriculum Overview

Welcome to Nursery and to what we believe will prove to be an exciting and action packed half term.

During the first week, we will be settling the children into the nursery environment. We will be helping the children to get used to the daily routines and to become independent when carrying out these tasks. After the settling in period, your child will be allocated a key worker.

During the first half term, we will be working on basic skills such as turn taking, following a simple instruction and staying focused on a task for a small period of time.

In Literacy the children will start by singing nursery rhymes and using props to re-enact them. We will also be working on distinguishing between everyday sounds and ordering familiar stories. Children will be working on developing their fine motor skills during a variety of different activities.

In Numeracy children will be developing their knowledge of shape and pattern. We will also be singing number rhymes and working on recognising, ordering and touch counting numbers to 5.

At Hill House Nursery we make every effort to encourage home/school links. We will be introducing Bella Bear, who will be taken home in turn by each child and looked after for the night. Their night's adventure is then shared with the rest of the children at 'Carpet time'.

Each child will have a learning journal. In here will be a selection of photos, observations and work. These will be given out at the end of each half term and collected back in once you have looked at them. There will be a sheet inside your child's learning journal for you to complete at home with your child about activities they have enjoyed or topics they have learnt about. There is also space for you to comment on your child's next steps. We value your opinions and would be grateful if you could fill in this sheet before returning the book to school.

A home communication folder will be sent home at the end of your child's Nursery session. Please check the folder and empty it before returning it to school. When your child arrives at Nursery please put the folder in the communication folder basket. These will then be put in your child's drawer at the end of their session for you to collect.

In the week commencing 16 September, your child will bring home their Home Learning Book after their first nursery session. Inside will be a selection of activities based on the different areas of learning. You and your child will be asked to select a set number of activities to complete each half term. Photographs or written comments about what your child did or said can be used to record the activity.

For parents who are not aware, the school has an EYFS Twitter feed which we feel is very important for you to share moments of your child's time with us. (You can find us on @DoncasterEYFS) Please remember to check the school website every Friday for any letters that involve your child.

We are very excited about our new cloakroom area. Children will now have a permanent peg where they can leave any bags or wellington boots ready for their next session.

We prefer the children not to bring a toy to Nursery in case they go missing. However, while your child is settling into the nursery, he/she may bring a small toy or comforter with them. Please ensure that it is small enough to fit in their drawer. As your child settles into the routines of Nursery, instead of a toy we try to encourage children to bring photos, postcards, certificates or memorabilia from days out so it can be used as a focus point for discussion at carpet time.

We have a Celebrations Assembly on Wednesdays when any certificates or medals achieved out of school can be brought into school so the children can share their achievements with their friends. In this assembly, Mr. Hall will give out the star of the week certificate and badge. Children are allowed to wear their badge to school for one week and then they can keep it at home.

We have a busy half term ahead and the main events are listed below.

- EYFS Curriculum Evening 5.15pm – Tuesday 10 September
- Parents' Evening – Thursday 26 September
- Harvest Festival – Tuesday 15 October

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the great extracurricular opportunities we offer the children in our Nursery and the days on which they take place. If you wish your child to take part in any of the activities that are on a day when your child does not attend, then please feel free to speak to us about extending your sessions.

Monday	– Dancisco
Tuesday	– Music
Wednesday	– Mini Kicks
Thursday	– Forest School
Friday	– ICT and Balance Bikes in (Michaelmas 1 and Summer Term)/ Yoga (Michaelmas 2 and Lent Term)

Finally, if you have any worries or questions, no matter how small, do not hesitate to ask.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Guest
Teacher in Charge of Nursery