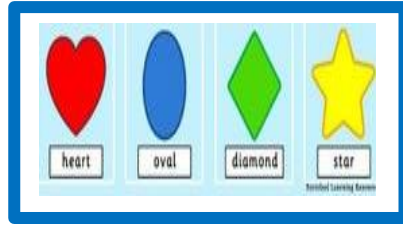


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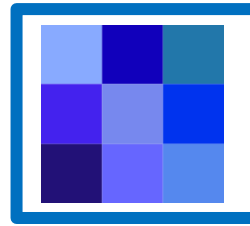
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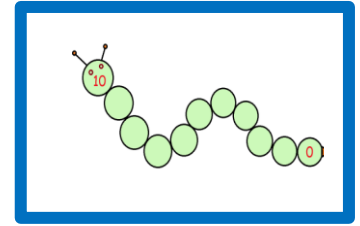
All About Me



Heart / Oval / Diamond / Star



Shades of Blue



Counting Backwards 10-0

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Make a chatterbox with your child: get a shoebox and decorate it. Place inside the box things that are special to your child. Record your child as they show and tell encouraging them to talk about why they have placed each item in the box and send it to us so as we can share with class.
- Encourage your child to use a knife and fork at home when eating dinner.
- Encourage your child to put on and take off their own coat.
- Encourage your child to paint / draw a picture of themselves / their friend / their family.
- Encourage your child to count forwards 0-10 / backwards 10-0, to recognise numerals in the world around them and to count out accurately.
- Read books to your child related to our topic.
- App of the month: Maths 3-5. Free trial available to download. This app supports children as they develop their mathematical skills. This month we are concentrating on colour, shape, sorting and matching and have used this app as a teaching tool.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Mon 04.11.24:** School reopens after midterm for a full school day.
- Wed 06.11.24:** PE Music & Movement Session with coach Jemma from 'Make a Sound'. R2 9.30am / R1 10am. Please ensure that your child is wearing tracksuit bottoms/leggings and trainers for this session.
- Tues 12.11.24:** Odd Socks Day: as part of anti-bullying week the children are invited to come to school either wearing odd socks or with odd socks pinned to their uniform in order to celebrate individuality, acceptance and tolerance.
- Wed 13.11.24:** PE Music & Movement Session with coach Jemma from 'Make a Sound'. R2 9.30am / R1 10am. Please ensure that your child is wearing tracksuit bottoms/leggings and trainers for this session.
- Wed 20.11.24:** PE with coach Paul from Sonal Sportz NI. R2 9.30am / R1 10am. Please ensure that your child is wearing tracksuit bottoms/leggings and trainers for this session.
- Wed 27.11.24:** PE with coach Paul from Sonal Sportz NI. R2 9.30am / R1 10am. Please ensure that your child is wearing tracksuit bottoms/leggings and trainers for this session.
- Fri 29.11.24:** As part of our 'Big Bedtime Read' initiative we are delighted to welcome local children's author Noel Smith to our school for a reading of his first children's picture book 'The Adventures of Mr Bumble'. This will be a sensory story session and all children will receive a signed copy of the book gifted to them from the nursery school.

PLANNING AHEAD

- Tues 10.12.24:** Our penultimate & additional needs children will perform 'A Nursery Rhyme Nativity' at 10am in the nursery. This will be a relaxed Christmas Concert and both parents / guardians are welcome to attend.
- Wed 13.12.24:** Our nursery aged children will perform 'The First Nativity' at 10am in St Peter's Primary School. The children will go home after the show. Light refreshments will be served after back at school.
- Fri 20.12.24:** School closes for the Christmas holidays at 11am.

GUIDANCE FOR GROWN UPS ARRIVING AT NURSERY FOR DROP OFF & PICK UP

- **Arrive on time for drop off and pick up**
- **Follow the one-way system**
- **Be aware of the family codeword:** only grown ups over the age of 18 should drop off or pick up the children and these grown ups should know the family codeword.
- **Refrain from smoking or vaping:** Our nursery is a smoke and vape free zone therefore grown ups should not smoke or vape both inside or outside the school when waiting to drop off or pick up.
- **Put rubbish in the bin:** we have noticed an increase in litter outside the school and are asking grown ups to work with us to keep our community litter free. There is a rubbish bin at the front door of the school.

CHAT WITH ME

Last year Surestart Projects in Belfast worked with parents / guardians to produce a book 'Chat with Me' which encourages parents / guardians to use everyday ideas to chat with their children in order to develop speech, language and communication

Click on the link to listen to our very own Karen Diamond singing along to the words of the book:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zdlcr3xEY3E>. The book comes with a parent / guardian guide to outline how you can make the most of sharing books with your child.

Click on the link to have a look:

<https://view.paquetiger.com/surestartchatwithme/1>



ANTI BULLYING WEEK 2024

Anti-bullying week 2024 will take place from Monday 11.11.24 - Friday 15.11.24.

This Anti-Bullying Week let's 'Choose Respect' and bring an end to bullying which negatively impacts millions of young lives. Imagine a world where respect and kindness thrives - it's not just a dream, it's in the choices we make. We will be encouraging our children to respect themselves and others as well as reminding them to use gentle hands, feet and voices.

On Tues 12.11.24 the children are invited to come to school either wearing odd socks or with odd socks pinned to their uniform.

Odd Socks are all about fun and laughter, but more importantly they deliver a message of individuality, acceptance and tolerance. Which is what being an Odd Sock is all about... because everyone is different and that's good!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

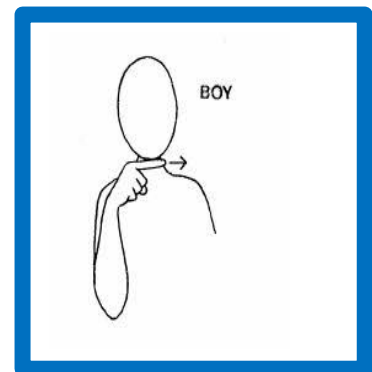
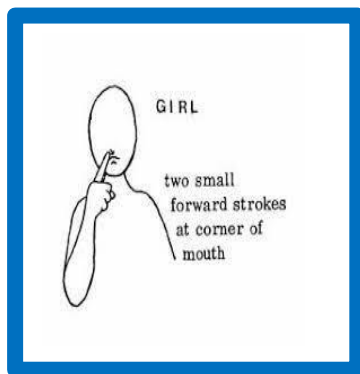
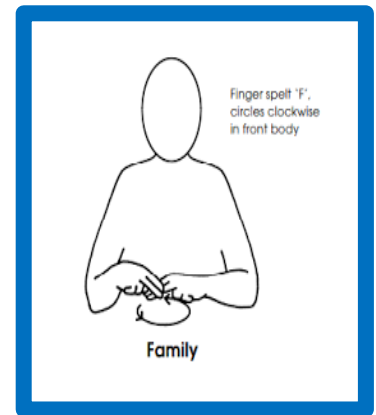
November birthday wishes to:

Charlotte & Karol



MAKATON- Signs of the Month

Click on the link to explore: [Singing Hands Family Makaton Topic](#)



MOVING FROM FIVE TO THREE STAGES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (SEN)

CODE OF PRACTICE

The SEN Code of Practice is an important guidance document that all schools must follow when making decisions about identifying, assessing and making provision for children who have SEN.

Currently, all children with SEN are recorded on the school's SEN register under one of five stages according to the level of support which they need to help them make progress in school.

The new Code, when published by the Department of Education, will have three stages for schools to record children on the SEN register. Guidance for parents / guardians can be found here: <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/special-educational-needs-sen/stages-of-the-code-of-practice>.



CHILD PROTECTION IS EVERYONES BUSINESS

Meet Our Safeguarding Team

We are here to listen 😊



Mrs R Hall
Designated Teacher



Mrs G Catney
Deputy Designated Teacher



Mrs B Tennyson
Nursery Assistant

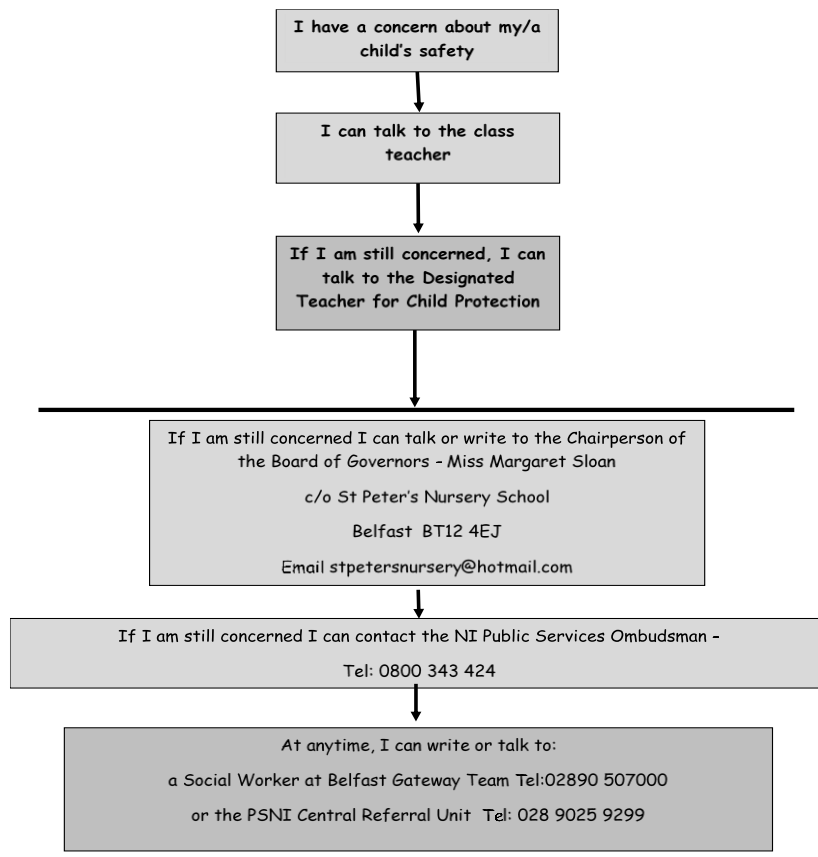


Miss M Boyle
Trustee



Miss M Sloan
Chairperson

What you as a parent should do:



We have been using this clip to help teach the children about keeping safe. Meet Pantosaurus the NSPCC pant-wearing Dino! He wants every child to stay safe and strong, just like him, and he's on a mission to share an important message: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-lL07JOGU5o>

