

November News 2021



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OUR LEARNING



Colour theme: - Brown

We will focus on **Brown**, basing some of our Art / Craft activities on **Brown**. To date we have been working on themes about our families and ourselves but now we are introducing a topic on our homes.

We will relate this to 'Where we live'.

Naming and labelling – windows, doors, roof, stairs, bedroom, bathroom, kitchen / living room.

Also associated furniture e.g. kitchen – table, cooker, fridge

Bedroom – bed, lamp, wardrobe.

We will discuss the role of people who build houses: -

Plumber – sinks, baths, toilets.

Electrician – wiring, sockets, switches, lights.

Joiner – wooden items – stairs, doors, windows

Tiler – roof.

We will be looking at shape and pattern and printing with a variety of materials including real bricks.

We will also relate homes to animals: - Farm – horses, cows, sheep and pigs.

Nature in the Environment - ECO

We will be discussing woodland homes for deer, owls, squirrels, foxes, hedgehogs and discussing in more detail 'hibernation'. We will discuss which animals / insects live in trees e.g. spiders, birds and squirrels. We will observe autumn in our nursery environment e.g. change in our plants / shrubs in the garden, change in the colour of leaves, effect of wind to expose the bare bark and observation of tree outline – trunk, branches and twigs.

Wooden Display

Please encourage your child to identify wooden items within your home e.g. windows, chairs, tables, clock, pencils etc.

Cooking Activity

We will bake Gingerbread Men and rice crispie buns.



Development of Play

We will foster respect and helpfulness also kindness and thoughtfulness towards others. We will be encouraging good listening skills – listening carefully and selectively as this is important in acquiring and developing language. Please encourage selective listening to sounds at home and identify the source e.g. telephone ringing and door banging closed. We bring children on a 'listening walk' outdoors to help them identify outdoor sounds ...a van reversing, bells tolling, birds singing etc.

Music

We will introduce shakers and musical instruments – offering a wide scope in exploring sounds and basic actions e.g. tapping, plucking and shaking.

NOTICES



18th and 19th November 2021 - Settling in Parent Meetings

Settling in Meetings will take place on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th November 2021 via telephone call. Each informal meeting lasts approximately 10 mins and is an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled and for you to discuss any queries or concerns. From Wednesday 10th November a sheet will be displayed in the veranda for you to choose a suitable time slot for your meeting. Please insert both your child's name, your name and the number you would like to be contacted on.

The Getting Ready to Learn – Big Bedtime Read.

Every two weeks your child will be given a 'Lending Library Bag' to enhance our promotion of Language and Literacy in the curriculum. The bags will be distributed on Thursday afternoons and should be returned the following Wednesday morning; this will give you ample time to share the books over the week. Each bag will contain 5 books.

We would very much appreciate careful handling of the bookshowever, we realise that our children are very young and accidents do happen! Please do not let the likelihood of damage to books deter you from full enjoyment of this educational resource. Any damage or loss should be reported to staff and we will replace or repair the book with no charge levied.



Clothing

Please ensure all items of your child's clothing are labelled with his / her name as we can experience some mix ups. Please ensure your child has an appropriate WARM coat for this term. Please help us to encourage the skills of independence e.g. collecting their coat from the peg, putting on / taking off coat also manipulative skills e.g. buttoning, zipping etc. Do encourage your child to practice these skills at home.

Dinner / Snack Money

Many thanks for the prompt payment of dinner/snack money on Monday in the envelopes provided. We are unable to supply change so this will be deducted from the amount due the following week.

Hand wash /Tissues/ Baby wipes

Thank you supplying us with a box of tissues, hand wash and baby wipes each term as it helps us respond to coughs, colds and sneezes. Already we have used the hand washes provided by the parents over the past 2 months!! This is encouraging as it shows how much handwashing we are doing!!

Pigeon Holes

Your child has been allocated with a pigeon hole in our unit in the veranda. This is where we place your child's work to be taken home and admired and also important school information notices. Please check it daily in the morning.

Your child's snack/dinner money envelope will be placed in the pigeon hole on Friday, please return it on Monday morning and place in the yellow box on top of the pigeon hole stand.

Parent Communication

If you want to discuss anything regarding your child please speak to us. Brief communication should be discussed on arrival at a 2 metre distance from staff.

If you want to discuss anything in detail regarding your child please phone between 8.30am and 9am or contact the school via email info@victorians.belfast.ni.sch.uk. Only phone the school during teaching hours if it is an emergency as we are with the children and we may be unable to answer the phone.

Illness

Thank you for keeping your child at home when they are unwell. When children are well in school they thrive and have a successful day. Unfortunately there is often an increase in respiratory viruses' and vomiting and diarrhoea bugs this term. We wish to remind parents that children should not return to school before they have fully recovered.

If your child has COVID symptoms your child should NOT come to school. Please follow PHA guidelines which encourage children to get a PCR test.

It is everyone's responsibility in our school community to protect our children, staff and families.

In the case of vomiting and diarrhoea – only when full sleeping and eating patterns have been re-established and your child is in good form. In the case of any vomiting and diarrhoea – 48 hours must have elapsed AFTER the last episode of diarrhoea before any child may safely return to school. For example, if your child had diarrhoea on Tuesday evening they should not return to school until Friday morning.

Arrival/ Collection of Children

Reminders -

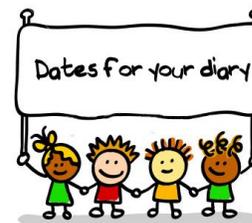
1. Staggered start from 9am (at the earliest) to 9.30am.
2. On arrival stand on the red cones 2m apart. Hold your child's hand. **ONLY ONE family should be in the covered veranda area at a time.**
3. Help your child to hang up their coat and to wash their hands at the sink (only family should be at the sink at a time).
4. When you are leaving after arrival or pick up walk please around the slide and down the side of the tunnel to avoid congestion.
5. Collection - Please come into the school grounds and your child will be called to go to you in an organised manner. Please collect your child on time. When your child is in a full day staggered pick up is between 1.15pm – 1.25pm. There is no supervision available after 1.30pm.

Thank you

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 17th December

This will be the last day of school before the Christmas Holidays and children may wear their ordinary clothes. The school will recommence on Wednesday 5th January 2022 at 9am.



NURSERY ENROLEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

The application process will be available on the Education Authority Website - eani.org.uk/parents/admissions in January 2022. Children should be aged 3 on or before the 1st July 2019, i.e. born between 2nd July 2018 and 1st July 2019. However, from time to time we have

some vacancies for underage children/ summer birthday children – an application form for these age groups must be submitted.

NOTE: It is the responsibility of parents of current under-aged children to access an online form for next academic year to secure a place.

YEAR 1 ENROLEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

The application process will be available on the Education Authority Website - eani.org.uk/parents/admissions in January 2022. Children should be aged 4 on or before the 1st July 2019. **Application forms will be available on the Education Authority Website -eani.org.uk in January 2021.**