

## Nina's Nursery Newsletter

### January and February 2016

Welcome into a new year, I hope you all had a great Christmas and a happy new year.

Welcome to the new children that have started, we are sure you will all have a unique learning experience with us all and will make lots of new friends and experience lots of new and fun activities throughout your time at Nina's nursery. If you have any questions about Nina's Nursery or the room your child is in, please speak to a member of staff who will be happy to help.



### Babies

Our topic this term in baby room is winter animals, the babies will be looking at books and texture books from the library, feeling the different types of fur the animal wear to keep warm in the winter. They will be making animal picture to use on their display board.

**Personal, Social and Emotional** – the babies love exploring their room so each week the activities will vary to suit their interest. This will help us to plan activities to support their development. In our teacher time we will be encouraging turn taking and helping our friends in play.

**Physical** – we will be playing with building blocks, encouraging the babies to grasp with one and from one hand to the other, this activity will link in with our ready, steady go.

We will be exploring our dressing up box with winter clothes, putting on hats and gloves, this will encourage the babies to be independent.

**Communication and Language** - Kirsty will be working with the children 1 to 1 and encouraging them to learn ready, steady go activities, this will encourage the babies to listen to repeated sounds, respond to simple instructions and carry the action.

The nursery rhyme this term is 1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive, this will involve actions and lots of sing. by using repeated sounds, words and action the babies will begin to recognise particular sounds.

Please can we have some family photos to put on our family board, the babies love to look at them and it gives them comfort.

Kirsty

### Toddlers



Our topic this term is friendships- we have had a few new children start in toddler room this term, we want to encourage all the children to welcome and care for one another, so we will be planning lots of activities that's focus on groups of children.

**Personal, Social and Emotional** – teacher time we will be discuss about our friends and what we like to do at nursery. We will be singing songs “hello my name is... “. Also focusing on “kind hands” with our friends.

**Communication and Language** – encouraging children to learn each other's names and pronouncing them correctly. Responding two simple instruction eg please can you give the car to another child, lets help our friends to wash our hands. This will enough children to understand simple sentences and to progress their speech.

**Physical** – toddlers will be focusing on the gross motor skills encouraging them to keep warn in the cold weather by throwing and catching, running, jumping through group activities. The children with be encourage to work together as a team and help one and other. We will be making dens inside and outside so we can crawl through them.

Can toddlers also have family photos to make special booklets to share at quite time.



## Pre School

Our topic this term is animals around the world, we will be discussing which part of the country they come from, their habitat and what the like to eat. We will be visiting the library to look at the animal books but if you have any books or pictures of animals that your child could share with their friend and also display in our classroom.

**Literacy-** the children will be encouraged to look and listen to stories, then we will discuss the characters and respond to what the hear with relevant comments, questions or actions. We will introduce sounds and letters using our sandpaper letters, also play games like eye spy and odd one out.

**Expressive art and design** – we will be using various materials and textures, exploring colours and shapes to link up with our topic work.

**Personal, Social and Emotional-** we will carry out practical life exercise which encourage independence and indirect preparation for writing, these activities include transferring objects using different tools, threading, pouring, pegging etc.

The day's news is displayed on the white board in the morning, in pre-school and in the afternoon it is displayed on the chalk board, it will have all the activities and the meals that your child has had that day.

Parents please can all children have indoor shoes or slippers. When we have been outside the children need to have indoor shoes to keep their feet warm and dry.

Ethel and Joy

**Little bits and bobs from us...**

At ninas nursery we love to hear about anything exciting that your child has done at home, you can either tell us in person, email, or write a little note.

Can we please remind you that the nursery opens at 8am and closes promptly at 6pm late fees will be applied. In case of any emergency's do please phone nursery and let us know that you may be late.

Just a reminder that our card machine is set up and accepts all major debit and credit cards. Please feel free to pay for nursery fees via the card machine. You will incur a 50p charge for using this service.

Events list has been emailed to all parents, if you need it resending please just ask.

**PLEASE COULD WE ASK PARENTS FOR AN EMAIL ADDRESS TO SEND OUT ELECTRONIC INFORMATION!!**

**Key dates to remember:**

8<sup>th</sup> February Chinese new year- monkey

9<sup>th</sup> February pancake day

12<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> winter Olympics

15<sup>th</sup> valentine day/ friendship day

**Exciting new news!!!**

We are very proud to announce that we will be opening our new setting in Cale green from January 2016.

Claire and Hayley