

## A Love of Reading

At Oyster Bay we love storytelling. Sharing stories is a fantastic way to support the development of imagination, understanding and communication skills. Throughout the year, you will be invited into Nursery to join your child and explore a range of books together. We can't wait to share our favourite tales with you!

### Nursery Rhymes

Teaching children nursery rhymes is another very easy and effective way of supporting the development of their communication and early reading skills. Throughout Term 1, the children at Oyster Bay will be taking part in the 'Nursery Rhyme Challenge'. We will be learning lots of different nursery rhymes and presenting certificates at the end of the term to celebrate the children's learning. Please sing along with your child at home!

### Class Dojo

Please sign up to 'Class Dojo Story' using the logins provided (in your child's special tray). Class Dojo is a fantastic way for you to keep up to date with all of the wonderful activities your child is taking part in at Nursery, and it also provides a quick and easy way for Miss Longhorn to contact you regarding special events and requirements. Please ask Miss Longhorn if you have any questions.



### Special Trays

Please check your child's special tray regularly for any letters, invoices, documents, and of course, paintings and beautiful artwork!

**Thank you for your continued support.**

**The Oyster Bay Nursery  
Team**



## Oyster Bay Nursery Nursery Newsletter Terms 1 and 2

We are very pleased to welcome our fabulous Oyster Bay children back to begin another wonderful year at Nursery, and we are also delighted to welcome lots of lovely new children into our Nursery family. This week the children have settled beautifully into all of the Nursery routines and have been making wonderful new friends. Over the summer holidays, our Nursery has had a makeover, and we now have our very own kitchenette and sleep room! How exciting! We have been busy planning many inspiring learning opportunities for the children and are looking forward to another fun-packed year. As ever, we have plans for lots of exciting adventures!



# Oyster Bay Nursery

## Learning Themes

At Oyster Bay Nursery, we base all teaching and learning on the children's interests and ideas in order to maximise their motivation and enjoyment. Here are some of the learning themes and activities we will be covering this term:

### All About Me

We will be getting to know our lovely new Oyster Bay children during the first term and encouraging all of the children to share news about their interests and their families. We will also have a focus week about 'Pets' and 'Homes' - we might even meet some of the Nursery staff's special pets!



### Self-Portraits

As part of our 'All About Me' learning topic, the children will be creating self-portraits using a variety of interesting media. Please bring in any spare junk modelling materials to use in the creation of our fantastic artwork.

### All About Me Bags

The new Oyster Bay children have an 'All About Me' bag in their special tray to take home, decorate and fill with four (small!) objects that they can use to help them talk about themselves and their families. We will be sharing the children's bags during Keyworker group time. We are looking forward to learning more about all of the wonderful children!



### Celebrations

In Term 2, the children will be learning about a range of celebrations, such as fireworks night, Diwali and, of course, Christmas! The children will be creating beautiful artwork, having a go at some traditional Indian dancing and preparing for our Nursery Christmas production!

## Parent Workshops

We will be hosting workshops throughout the year to share information and ideas with parents and carers about home learning. Please look out for invitations and further information later on in the year.

### Parent Partnership Meetings

At Oyster Bay Nursery, we strongly believe in working closely with parents and carers to ensure that our children's needs are met on an individual basis. In order to support good communication between parents and keyworkers, you will be invited into Nursery throughout the year to discuss your child's progress and wellbeing. You will also receive 'My Unique Story' written reports at Christmas and at the end of the year in July. We also pride ourselves on having an 'open door policy', and we warmly welcome any questions or queries before and after sessions.

### Staffing

The lovely Mrs Bailey will be leaving our team this term to pursue an exciting business venture! She will be sadly missed, and I am sure you will join me in thanking her for her hard work and dedication to our wonderful Oyster Bay children and families. This also means we will have a new member of staff joining our team, and I will update you with more information over the coming weeks. Meanwhile, the whole Oyster Bay team will continue to provide love, care and wonderful learning opportunities for all our Oyster Bay children.

