



### Welcome back to Caterpillar Class!

We hope that you all had a wonderful summer and had fun creating memories together 😊

This term we welcome 27 new caterpillars to our setting. We are all looking forward to getting to know the children and their families over the coming weeks.

This term we will encourage the children to develop their independence so anything you can do at home to support this will be fantastic for example:

- Putting on and taking off their own coat, jumper and shoes.
- Going to the toilet by themselves, wiping, flushing, pulling up clothing and washing their hands.



We will, of course, support the children with all of these tasks whilst encouraging them to do as much for themselves as possible.

Please continue to use the office email and Parentmail to report absences or to ask questions. Remember Tapestry is not the place for this type of query 😊

Please keep using the lending library. I am so pleased to see how many children and adults are borrowing our books to read at home.

Remember if someone different is collecting your child, please upload a photo to Tapestry if we have not met them before and please use the password that you have been sent from the office.

If you have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to any member of the Nursery Team.

Maths	Cross Curricular Learning
<p>This term we will be learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• count to 5 and beyond</li> <li>• to recognise numerals to 5</li> <li>• to represent numerals to 5 in different ways.</li> <li>• exploring numbers through songs and rhymes.</li> <li>• to recognise 2D shapes</li> <li>• recognise repeating patterns comparing size</li> </ul>	<p>Once the children have settled into Caterpillar's Class and our routines, we will begin to learn about what it means to be part of Caterpillar's Class and have some fun learning about caterpillars. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the staff to get to know all of the children and to then use this knowledge to plan activities and learning that they will engage in and enjoy.</p> <p>We will then move on to our topic for the term: 'There's a Whole World Out There.'</p>
Literacy	
<p>This term we will be focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mark making and giving meaning to our own writing</li> <li>• we will be following the Letters and Sounds Phase 1 programme</li> <li>• we will cover 6 Aspects; environmental sounds, instrumental sounds, body percussion, rhythm and rhyme, alliteration and voice sounds</li> <li>• the children will be encouraged to speak clearly and in different situations such as 1:1, small groups and whole class</li> <li>• learning and using new vocabulary</li> </ul>	<p>As part of this topic we will be focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• what makes us all unique and special</li> <li>• our likes and dislikes</li> <li>• expressing our feelings and emotions</li> <li>• celebrating different families and cultures</li> <li>• talking about our own experiences including holidays and days out</li> <li>• we will be creating a 'Family' display board in our classroom so that the children feel comfortable in their new environment and provide an opportunity to talk about their family with their peers</li> <li>• we will learn about celebrations from different cultures such as birthdays, Christmas and Diwali</li> <li>• the children will take part in a Christmas performance</li> </ul>

### PE Days

Tuesday morning.

Please wear black or navy track trousers, leggings or shorts and your House T-shirt to school.

Remember to remove earrings 😊

Long hair must be tied up.



### Lending Library

Our library of books is available for both children and adults. Please borrow a book as often as you would like to. Just sign the books out and remember to return your book before borrowing another one.



### Naming belongings

Please **NAME** all your child's belongings. Particularly items which will be taken off; coats, jumpers, PE jackets, shoes, slippers, wellies and water bottles.

### Donations

As always, we would be extremely grateful for any donations of the following items:

Boxes of tissues & packets of wet wipes

Craft items - cotton wool, pipe cleaners, lolly sticks, pop poms, jelly baff, buttons, feathers

Hard bodied baby style dolls.


### Tapestry

We hope will enjoy using Tapestry. We use Tapestry to share your child's learning focusing on their 'Wow' moments so that you can celebrate their achievements at home. We love to see what the children have been doing at home so please feel free to upload as much or as little as you wish. It does provide a lovely opportunity for children to share things they are proud of such as riding a bike independently for the first time, being a bridesmaid or building an amazing Lego creation!

As parents you will only see uploads that your child is tagged in, however we do sometimes upload group observations.

**It is really important that none of these photos or observations are shared on social media.**



 FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## OUR CURRICULUM

Far away... THE WORLD

Near... UK

...Home! MEDWAY

At Fairview, our school values underpin everything we do and are core to the ethos of our school. Our aim is to develop a community of **responsible** learners who not only demonstrate **collaboration** and **perseverance** in their work, but who also show **kindness**, **respect** and **honesty** towards one another.

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