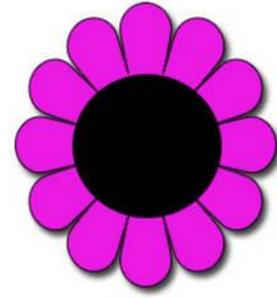


Parents' Letter

May 2021



Dear Parent,

As Summer is supposed to be approaching soon, we continue to hope for good weather when we can go outside as much as possible to enjoy our outdoor play. Please send sun hats and put on sun-cream as needed.

Our themes this month are "Gardens" and "Mini-beasts" and we will be looking at pastel colours in our environment.

We look forward to 2 more visits from Jo Jingles during the month. I hope you have enjoyed watching your child enjoying the Jo Jingles sessions via Seesaw. Since Covid 19 is still a threat, we plan to use Seesaw in June to send you pictures of Nursery Sports Day and Graduation. More details will follow in the June Newsletter.

School photos will be taken on Thursday 13th May. Please dress your child in their Nursery uniform for the class photo.

Please also note that Nursery will be closed on Monday 31st May for the Bank Holiday and also closed on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd June for staff training.

In Nursery we encourage the children to be independent and learn self-help skills. Please encourage your child to learn to put on and take off his/her coat and school sweatshirt independently. Although it is often quicker to do it yourself, this skill will be a great help for p.1.

Please continue to develop your child's scissor skills at home. Help them hold the scissors effectively and practise cutting simple lines, leading on to wavy lines and then shapes if they can.

RISE NI stands for the Regional Integrated Support for Education NI. The RISE teams are made up of Speech Therapists, Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists. They work with the staff in mainstream schools to help in the following areas:

- Social, emotional and/or behavioural development
- Speech, language and communication skills
- Gross and fine motor skill development.

RISE has set up a new RISE NI Parent Website, which can be accessed as follows:

<https://view.pagetiger.com/RISENI/parents>

On the website you will find lots of useful information, leaflets, video demonstrations and training opportunities.

Nursery settings also receive help and ideas from Getting Ready to Learn. They also have set up new login area for parents of Nursery children. Look up the GRtL website, click [Sign In/Create account](#) (which is on the purple bar at the top of the page). The access code required for Parent Access is: P401hkeQ890. This should allow you access to ideas and resources useful to parents.

Rather than send you ideas to do with your child for this month, I would encourage you to look up these websites for ideas for activities to do at home. We don't want to drown you with too much information!!

We look forward to our new month and hope that your children will continue to enjoy their experiences and benefit from them. J.Scott