

FUN & PLAY NURSERY

Welcome to our Topic Newsletter

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING FOR THE TOPIC?

Topic - The World

Welcome to the second half of the first term of the year. What a wonderful first half term it has been. We are so very happy to see all of the children back from their summer holidays settled beautifully into the setting, happy and ready to learn. We must add a very big welcome to the new families that have joined Fun & Play this year.

As you are aware, we are an ever-evolving dynamic nursery in terms of ensuring each and every child is reaching their full learning potential. Therefore we are always changing and adapting our learning to ensure this! We have introduced a new learning initiative at the setting! Technology Tuesdays and Technology Thursdays. During this time the children will have 5-10 minutes guided ipad learning with one of our early years practitioners. It will always be topic focused. For example, with our animal topic we have used 'peekazoo' to work on increasing the children's animal vocabulary, and also the hungry caterpillar applications to look at shapes and fit them into puzzles. During the world topic we have some geography applications downloaded that let the children look at and explore the countries of the world on a map and their 'heritage sites'.

We also have something for the mummies, we are often contacted by outside providers to collaborate for marketing purposes! We have never explored this option before, but we are trying to move with the times shall we say.

Nstyle nail salon JBR will offer all fun & play mummies 25% discount. Please use the code: Familyandfriends25. The offer is valid for 2 months.

Yulia a fantastic, highly qualified, experienced freelance Personal trainer that has a strong focus on nutrition. Offering reduced PT sessions with a 20% discount from 250-200aed per session. Yulia is also an ex mummy of Fun & Play. Both of her boys Jaden and Anthony attended the setting before they went onto school. She is also the lady that supported me through my fitness journey along with helping me shed the baby weight, so I can personally recommend Yulia. Please use the code: MissJoisamazing with her.

I am sure you have noticed we are making the most of the beautiful cooler weather. We are getting outside now as much as we possibly can. Please do ensure your child is wearing their uniform so that they do not miss out on our outdoor activities. Foundation class are already going outside early mornings to play ball games, numbers games and phonics games. If you would like your child to participate please ensure you arrive by 8.30/ 8.45am latest as the class is split into groups for small group focused story and circle time and outdoor sessions.

The toddler class will start going outdoors on the first day after half term. Sunday 27th October. Miss Rezeil will be taking them outside Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am. Initially they will be doing 1 to 1 reading or It sessions (using the ipad to learn how to use basic 'topic related' applications). Once the children understand and follow the behavioural expectations of the setting they will begin go outside for longer periods in small groups. We will then introduce longer outdoor sessions including circle time and story time. Following this, we will begin to explore the area with nature and sound walks which will help increase vocabulary and phonics listening skills. Please do ensure your child is wearing a uniform on the days they attend. It is our absolute priority to keep the children safe. I cannot take the children outside without uniform as I need to ensure they all look the same. If it is easier, please feel free to label your child's uniform with their name and I will keep it at nursery and change them before we go outside.

Now, Finally.....About the topic!

The next topic will run from Sunday 27th October, after the half term until the week before Christmas. It is a long topic, but we have a lot to cover. We are learning all about the world. Throughout the topic we will put large focus on language to encourage the children to 'get talking' with circle times and small group focused learning. During circle times we will be discussing world continents and world countries, where we are from and where we live, diversity similarities and differences and weather.

Week one will be an introduction to the world. We will be learning songs about the continents, and introducing a wide range of transportation to travel the world. We will travel by air, on the ground, by sea, on tracks and also 'our own methods of moving' such as bicycles, scooters etc.

Week 1 we will start in North America, visiting Canada, the USA and Mexico. We will experiment with water and colour making beautiful waterfalls, take a trip to Disney and make music in our Mexican sombrero's.

Week 2 we will visit South America. Visiting Brazil, Peru and Argentina. We will participate in our very own 'carnival' and look at different animals that live in each of the countries and making our own Peruvian rainforest. We will play football and make Argentinean flags.

Week 3 we will find ourselves in Africa. We will enjoy a trip along the River Nile, go to Kenya to look at the beautiful patterns on local clothes, make our own jewellery and test a wide range of delicious fruits and vegetables imported from Africa. We will end the week in South Africa where we will dive with sharks and count their enormous teeth.

Week 4 takes us to Europe here we will travel around quickly and have the pleasure of visiting a country a day. We will start in Finland, go to Sweden, then to the UK, France and Spain. We will play in snow and have snowball fights, learn to be independent dressing ourselves in warm clothes, we will observe and paint the northern lights, build palaces and march like the the queens guards in London, study Monet's art in France and make pinata's in Spain (please excuse the treats J) We will be using sweeties to encourage sharing and for counting practice.

Week 5 we will take a flight to Asia. Luckily we start at home in Dubai, then drive over to Oman. We then explore India, China and Japan. We will be using lots of sensory sand play, reading books about camels, making dolphin crafts, decorating the beautiful Taj Mahal, making colourful dragons and beautiful blossoms. We will eat with chopsticks and have picnics on the mat rather than at our snack tables.

Week 6 takes us to our final continent, Australasia. We will start in Antarctica, visit New Zealand and then finish off in Australia. We will have lots of ice play in Antarctica, we will sing penguin songs and make our own penguin feet. In New Zealand we will make textured sheep and look at the beautiful scenery and in Australia we will hop like kangaroos and cuddle like Koala bears.

Junk modelling:

If you have any small empty boxes please send them in as well as empty toilet paper rolls and kitchen towel rolls as we will be using these a lot to junk model and get the children working together cooperatively. Also any used small water bottles with tops would be great too please, we will use these to make music shakers.

REMINDER:

Please ensure children are wearing uniforms every day to attend the setting. We cannot take them outside without uniform. If you need to purchase a uniform, please let us know.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 17th October	Half term begins. (after a full nursery day 5pm.)
Sunday 20th October to Thursday 24th October	Half term holiday camp (please contact us for details) Topic is colours and shapes
Sunday 27th October	Term resumes at 8am
Saturday 30th November	Martyrs day (holiday to be confirmed)
Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd December	National day holidays
Thursday 12th December	End of term. (after a full nursery day 5pm.)
Happy Christmas Holidays!	

What the Children will learn for this topic:

PSED	<p>The importance of Washing and sanitizing hands.</p> <p>Healthy snacks and Socialising</p> <p>Work individually or as a group for games, activities and following instructions.</p> <p>Working in small groups & using role play to explore and interact with Transport vehicles and role play for People who help us.</p> <p>Identifying our own work and recognising our own name.</p>
CLL	<p>Songs/Rhymes topic related</p> <p>Names of the planets, countries and continents</p> <p>Colour, shape,sound,texture.</p> <p>Name recognition/Name tracing cards/Write own name.</p> <p>New Vocabulary.</p>
PSRN	<p>Play games, work together, take turns</p>

	<p>Important Emergency numbers</p> <p>Number rhymes and songs</p> <p>Counting games, Puzzles, Matching & Dice games</p> <p>Colours & Shapes, Textures & Patterns , Traffic light making.</p> <p>Learning the differences and similarities with varies job roles.</p> <p>Transport and People who help us pairing surveys and matching games.</p>
KUW	<p>Modes of transport.</p> <p>Using information technology, using ipads to watch informative you tube clips and take pictures of the world around us</p> <p>Understanding road and travel safety and awareness</p> <p>Discussing diversity and similarities and differences</p>
PD	<p>Develop fine and gross motor skills – cutting food, mixing paint. Tracing and cutting skills.</p> <p>Ball skills,counting games.</p> <p>Role play</p> <p>Music and movement.</p>
CD	<p>using and mixing paint .</p> <p>Using different textures and materials</p> <p>Using Household items to make rocket ships, airplanes, trains and towers.</p> <p>Making maps and travel tickets</p>

We are sure that this topic will be thoroughly engaging and fun for the children. We cannot wait for you to hear them singing the continents of the world song at home!



Baby's Days App

We have somehow by some miracle managed to 'rope' a very tech savvy mummy in, to help us with the new nursery management app we launched this year. Please feel free to contact Amanda on website@funplaynursery.com for any support you need with Baby's Days.

Please download the application and email Amanda if you do not have access.

There are some beautiful pictures of your children learning and most importantly loving learning. I must add that the application also shows what an amazing job the Fun & Play team are doing throughout the day with our children to support their learning and development, and also during their evenings to ensure fun and creative activities and lessons are planned and prepared for our children.

For anything day to day related regarding your child's care or academic about our learning keep any of the Fun and play team as your 'only' contact persons please.

As always, we thank you all for your continuous support and look forward to another fantastic half term with your little ones.

Miss Jo and the team xx