

### Welcome to Garfield Nursery

Starting Nursery is a very exciting time for both you and your child and the first term is dedicated to helping your child settle into the environment. All our staff welcome any comments or concerns you may have about your child and are here to help you. We also have an email address you can contact us on:

[nursery@garfield.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:nursery@garfield.enfield.sch.uk)

During the Autumn term the children will be learning indoors and outdoors. The activities are carefully planned by the teacher and other adults to meet your child's interests and developmental needs.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The staff will support the children to settle into Nursery this term.

Children will be supported to develop their social skills (sharing, turn-taking), understanding of rules and boundaries and their confidence.

### Literacy

We will support children in their understanding of stories and rhymes, by sharing these with them daily either one-to-one or in groups. We also encourage children to look at books independently, carefully turning the pages, realising that print carries information. You can help your child by reading print in the environment, for example signs as you walk to the shops. To support your child's early writing skills, involve them in your writing at home, perhaps writing a shopping list together.

### Home Reading

Soon we will begin home reading where your child can borrow a book from the class library. Your child will have a specific book changing day each week. **Please ensure your child has their book bag on that day.** It is very important that you read to your child daily to support their learning. Please write a short comment in your child's reading record, staff will also write a comment. This will help us build up a dialogue with you which will be of benefit to your child's reading development.

### Punctuality

It is very important that your child is collected **on time** at the end of the session. Your child can become very distressed if you are late. Your child should be collected at **11.30am sharp**.

### Important Dates:

Half Term: Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October 2020

End of term: Friday 18th December



### Curriculum Newsletter

### Nursery: Autumn Term

### Physical Development and Outdoor Play

Physical development is about strengthening the whole body. We support this by giving the children unlimited access to the indoor and outdoor areas. Physical development is also about health and self-care. You can help your child by encouraging them to become more independent. For example: putting their own coat on.

Please dress your child in suitable clothing and please make sure your child is wearing sensible, well-fitting shoes which are suitable for running and climbing safely.

Please bring a **bag with a full set of spare clothes** for your child to change into should they need to. Please label everything with your child's name.

### Understanding the World

At Nursery the children will be gaining the confidence to explore the natural environment and make discoveries for themselves.

### Expressive Arts and Design

This includes art, dance, music and pretend play. The Nursery environment is richly resourced both inside and outside to encourage children to express themselves in different ways.

### Communication and Language

Communication and language includes speaking, listening, understanding and problem solving. The children will be developing their speaking and listening skills constantly throughout the day. All of the adults are expert role models who will support the children with developing these skills.

You can help your child by reading to them daily. Encourage them to talk to you about the stories they have heard or activities they have done, sequencing the events and using more complex sentences.

### Maths

We ensure maths is weaved into all play activities. We sing number rhymes every day which help the children to learn about number order, addition and subtraction as well as counting and numeral recognition. Ask your child to teach you some of these songs so that you can help them with these skills too.

