

Keswick House Nursery

Newsletter



Week beginning 16th June 2025

Dear Parents

The start of the second half of summer term is always full of wonderful activities.

We have observed some wonderful collaborative play amongst the children during both free-flow and garden time. It is lovely how well they all get on and play together; there are so many friendship bonds developing which we hope will continue to flourish over the summer holidays and beyond our school building!

A warm welcome to our newest member of the Lower Nursery, Eve. The children are delighted to have a new friend and have been busy showing her the ropes.

We have been very busy with our preparations for Sports Day. The children are demonstrating their competitive nature but at the same time ensuring they are completing the race in the correct sequence and cheering on their friends. We aim to promote team spirit at all costs!

Your little ones are really becoming quite grown up now and are able to express themselves so confidently. They are so observant and do not miss a trick; by the end of term we are confident that Upper Nursery will be 'Reception Ready' and Lower Nursery too will be ready for a more structured environment the Upper Nursery classrooms offer. Rest assured activities are planned around children's interests and learning styles.

Upper Nursery News

The children have been enjoying all the different activities available during free-flow play such as arranging a picnic and folding napkins, pouring water into bottles using tubes and funnels, painting and making collages.

We have been focusing on CVC word building games and activities as the children now know the majority of their letter sounds. In maths they have been working really hard on reinforcing and identifying numerals 1-10, playing number Bingo, using dice and counters and also Numicon.

The children have had some exciting and hands-on project activities. Just before half-term they explored floating and sinking and they even made their own boats and completed a floating/sinking identifying list. Over the last weeks, we will be pretending to be pirates heading out to look for treasure and making shell art.

Forest school continues to be popular and we are so impressed with the children's knowledge of flora and fauna and their interest in nature and exploring the natural environment. They do not stop for one second in the forest with all their discoveries.







Lower Nursery News

In the recent weeks, we have dedicated a great deal of time to outdoor activities and discussing the weather whilst enjoying the sunshine. During forest school we organised a practice session for our outdoor sports day which was great fun as we made the running distance much further. They explored the forest so much and they were obsessed with finding holes in the ground and predicting which animals created the holes. The distance they cover during the forest trips is always very long so they show great stamina.

The sand pit continues to captivate the children's attention, sparking their imagination and creativity. They have immersed themselves in creating a myriad of games and stories using spades, buckets and construction trucks, demonstrating remarkable ingenuity and dreaming up exciting play scenarios.

The water cascade has proven to be immensely popular with the children; they have been busy scooping and pouring water, eagerly following the water trail before repeating this enjoyable process. They squeal with delight as the water cascades down shouting 'again, again!'

The Lego tray is still being put to good use, offering plenty of opportunities for creativity and teamwork and above all strengthening that all important pincer grip. A great activity to do at home and ask your child to repeat a colour pattern that you create.

The puzzle shelves are buzzing too with the children managing to tackle puzzles with more than 25 piece - something we are all quite thrilled about. It is wonderful to see their problem-solving skills in action.

During our project lesson, we explored the fascinating world of sharks. We examined various species including a Hammerhead and a Great White. Afterwards, the children were

encouraged to create their own shark models out of newspaper print, enhancing their understanding of marine life.





Finally:

We have many upcoming events including our school trip to Hertfordshire Zoo on Wednesday 18th June. Details about the trip have already been sent. Thank you to all our keen volunteers as we almost had to cancel. It is a huge relief that we can go ahead with this special day.

Upper Nursery are visiting the main school and library on Tuesday 24th June to give them a 'Reception' experience. We would like parents of Upper Nursery to drop their child off from 8.30 a.m. at our main school and they will return to Keswick by school minibus. Please let Mrs Lisa know if this will not be possible.

Our Upper Nursery Leavers' concert will be held on Monday 7th July at 2.15 p.m. and we hope to see you as the children have practised tirelessly and with such enthusiasm.

Your key teachers will be in touch tomorrow via Tapestry to arrange Parent Appointments. Our Parents/Social evening is on Monday 7th July which we hope you can all attend as it will be a lovely gathering too.

During this incredible spell of warm weather please ensure sun cream is applied before arrival and that your child brings a sun hat to school.

Your Class Reps will be in touch to arrange 'Party Day' on the last day of term.

A few suggestions to support your child at home:

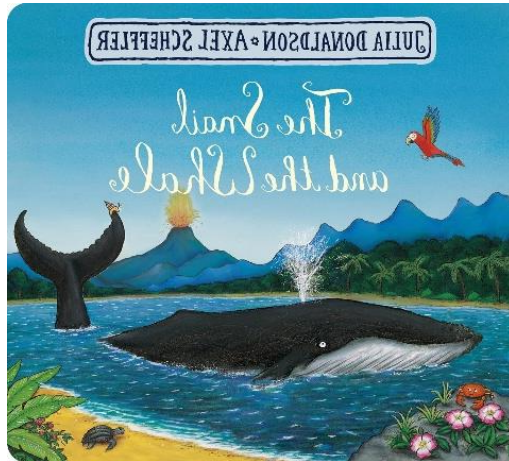
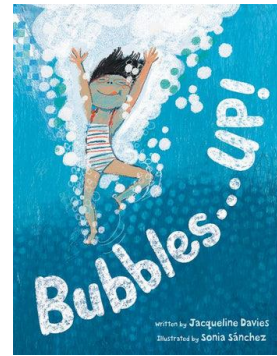
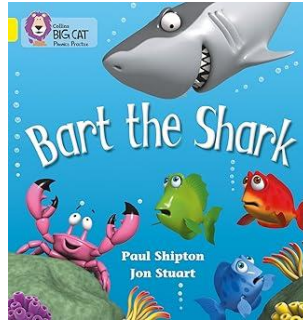
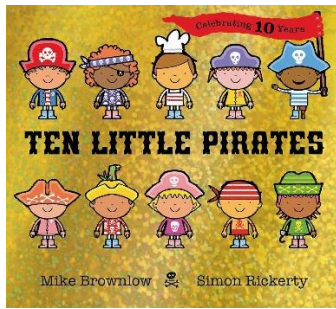
Maps and globes: Use local maps, draw your own, or look at the world map. Any map-related activity helps children begin to understand the world's vastness. You may want to use a spherical globe to spin and choose a country to research; to make it more interesting use Google Maps and Google Earth.

Get Green: Planting seeds is more than just an exciting, sensory activity. It requires good listening skills, cooperation with others and an understanding of what it takes to look after growing things. Watercress is our suggestion; it grows quickly and is easy to grow!

Story stones- collect some stones when you are out and about. Stick pictures of different things on your stones, such as animals, planets, rain and thunder etc. Put them in a small box or bag. Invite your child to pick a stone and tell you everything they know about that animal or planet and so forth. Go through books or watch videos related to the picture they picked to add to their existing knowledge.

Books to explore:

Please see below a list of books which you may like to purchase or borrow from the library.



Best wishes

Nursery Team