

# Welcome to Newcomen Nursery

At Newcomen Nursery we aim to provide an exciting and stimulating environment, with fun and valuable activities to offer your child the best possible start to their Education.

## Nursery Routines

Your child will be in a nurture group with a key worker. They will either be a ladybird, caterpillar or butterfly. Nurture groups allow children to develop closer relationships with a small group of children helping them to become more confident.

As we feel reading is extremely important, your child will have a reading book which you may change weekly to embrace the love of reading at home as well as school.

Your child will have their own special book where we will add pieces of work throughout the year to make a learning diary. You may look at this at any point to see how your child is progressing.

Every child will be given regular access to story sacks and our Firm Foundation packs which offer rhymes, games and listening activities.

We encourage all children to take part in show and tell to help develop their speaking and listening skills. Your child can share photographs, something they have made or their favourite book.

Over the year we hope to visit Locke Park, The Library, Newham Grange Farm, Newcomen Church and Redcar Beach and various other places in our local area.

Our topics for this year are as follows:

Autumn 1: Growing up

Autumn 2: Colour and Pattern

Spring 1: Houses and Homes

Spring 2: My Garden

Summer 1: Where we live

Summer 2: Seaside

## Goals we hope achieve:-

- To develop speaking and listening skills to allow children to maintain attention during story time and activities.
- To develop speech and language skills and be able to speak in a clear voice.
- To learn how to play together and interact harmoniously, sharing and turn taking.
- To build up an awareness of sounds around us, with the ability to distinguish between sounds that we hear.
- To develop an awareness of rhyme. Being able to sing a range of nursery rhymes and make a rhyming pair.
- To hear initial sounds in familiar and simple words.
- To hear and say orally blended words e.g. c a t, d o g.
- To gain an understanding of numbers. Counting sets of objects saying one number name for each item and begin to recognise numbers saying their name.
- To enjoy a story, turning pages and talking about the pictures.
- To put on a coat and get changed for PE.

## How can you help?

- Share a book each day with your child to help develop interest and enjoyment in stories.
- Always talk to your child about their time at nursery each day. Encourage your child to talk whenever possible.
- Find opportunities to count, helping your child to say number names in order and count objects one at a time.
- Play games to develop awareness of sounds e.g. I spy.
- Encourage your child to dress themselves.
- Provide your children with opportunity to make marks on paper and begin early writing using a range of tools e.g. pencils, paint brushes. It is very important to allow your child to experience the use of scissors and play dough to develop their motor skills.

