

FSI NEWSLETTER – WC 11.5.26

This Week:

This week in Nursery, the children have continued exploring our new topic 'Why do spiders eat flies?'. We have started a new focus on a non-fiction text. 'How does a butterfly grow?' We have been discussing the life cycle of a butterfly. Can your child discuss the Life cycle with you?

This week at nursery we have been practising how to ride a balance bike. We have listened to instructions, made sure to keep our eyes open and looking ahead and worked on our coordination and balance to help steer and ride the bike. It has been so much fun!

At our mark making table, the children have been exploring a minibeast tough tray. The children have been looking for minibeasts hidden within the tray and have drawn what they have found, looking at the shape of the minibeast and its colour. The children have even worked on their initial sounds here, listening to the name of the minibeast and guessing what sound they can hear at the start of the word.

On our maths table we have been exploring number and capacity. The children have had to use their subitising and number recognition skills to identify the correct number on the leaf. Children have then had to place the correct amount of pom poms into the measuring cylinders where they have then compared volumes and amounts between them.

Gentle Reminder

We open nursery from 8.40am-8.50am, we ask that you read the book or practise their name writing using the name card sheets from their draw and a whiteboard pen from the writing area from and return it after the shaker has been shaken at 8.50am. Books will be changed weekly by a staff member.

Attendance- 90.6%

Next Week



Stars of the week



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Phonics sounds covered
this week:

Mrs Musgrave/ Miss Terry:
u, b, f, e and l

Miss Grimmer s, d, t, i, n

Mrs Bailey:

Reminders:

Stay and play:

Thursday 21st May 1.45-2.45

Friday 22nd 1.45-2.45

Come along to join us.

W.C. 25th May – HALF TERM
HOLIDAY

The nursery team have
chosen:

Lewis D, Leila, Remy



Homework

Homework will be given out to children on their last day of every week. Please ensure this is physically handed in either by your child or yourself as members of staff do not check children's bags.

If you have lost your home work or did not receive one due to absence, please collect your own copy from the notice board in the entrance to Nursery.

Reading books

Children in Nursery are encouraged to select a book from the book box on the carpet area. Children should keep the same book for a week and return these on their last day of Nursery every week. Please ensure you change your child's book with them in the morning.

Online Safety

National Online Safety – Minecraft

National Online Safety believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold informed and age-appropriate conversations about online safety with their child, should they feel it is needed. This week's focus is "Minecraft". Please note that only children aged 7+ should be accessing this.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MINECRAFT

Minecraft is a beloved classic of modern gaming. First released in 2011, this open-ended 'sandbox' game of building and exploration still has over 140 million players who happily return to play it at least once every month. Minecraft has also been utilised for much more than just entertainment: it's sometimes used in schools to teach children coding, and it's also employed as a tool for computer-aided design, which is another valuable skill. Encouraging creativity and problem solving, Minecraft has plenty to offer gamers of all ages, and it's available on almost all video game platforms.

AGE RATING
7+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PUBLIC SERVERS

Joining a public network (called a server) lets your child potentially interact with strangers through text chat. Some servers focus on building, while others are dedicated to role-playing – encouraging direct player interaction. Anyone can join public servers and connecting to one is relatively simple. Public server IP addresses (and therefore someone's location) are easy to find with search engines.

GRIEFING

Some people in Minecraft delight in purposefully damaging or destroying another player's creation. This is called 'griefing' and is a form of bullying: it intentionally spoils someone else's experience in the game by deleting hours of their work and forcing them to start from scratch. Many public servers treat griefing as a severe offence and frequently ban offenders.

ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's gameplay is relatively simple, and the outcome (when a child has built something new, for instance) can be extremely gratifying. This can make the game highly addictive. It's easy to lose track of time while playing Minecraft, causing committed young players to forget about other activities like homework or enjoying family time.

SCARY ELEMENTS

The visual design and gameplay of Minecraft is purposefully child friendly, so there's nothing too untoward in the game. However, some of the 'baddies' that can be encountered might prove a little too scary for very young players. In the game, certain enemies come out at night and are accompanied by audio – such as zombie moans and skeleton bone rattles – that may unnervise young ones.

ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

After initially buying the game, players can make optional extra purchases for cosmetic items and other bonuses. Minecraft Realms is an optional online subscription (requiring regular payments) that lets users run a multiplayer server to play with their friends. Most games consoles also need an active subscription to enable online play – so online gaming can quickly become an expensive hobby.

Advice for Parents & Carers

RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

There are a lots of Minecraft content creators who release helpful videos about the game on YouTube and Twitch. Not all of these, however, are suitable for children. Watching these content creators' channels yourself first is a safe way to find appropriate Minecraft videos to share with your children. This also helps you learn more about the game itself, and how your child plays it.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting 'Creative' or 'Peaceful' mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of moaning zombies or creepers damaging your build.

HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for your child to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given the necessary joining details. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – to ban someone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft.

ENCOURAGE BREAKS

It's easy for the hours to fly by while your child is playing Minecraft, so reminding them to take regular breaks is essential. This is a useful way for them to learn good time management, which they'll benefit from as they get older. It will also teach them to play their favourite games in moderation – limiting addictive behaviour and allowing them to manage their day better.

TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone needs to have contact with a stranger online. Talking to your child about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan in place for dealing with any hostile or difficult strangers. Ensure that your child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online, and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

Meet Our Expert

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Reminders

Please remember to let staff aware if your child is being collected by a different adult. Please can we ask you tell us the name of the adult collecting the child and add it to the child collection board as you enter nursery.



Polite reminder that juice is NOT allowed in Nursery or school. Children are to bring in a bottle of water every day to ensure they are kept hydrated. This also applies for lunch boxes too.

A gentle reminder that we are a nut free school, this also means that if packs state 'may contain traces of nuts' this also cannot be provided in children's pack lunches. Also, within our healthy school policy we ask

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*that sweets and chocolate are not provided in pack lunches.
Thank you for understanding.*

*Please ensure you chose your child's dinner on the
interactive whiteboard with them in the morning before
leaving them or you notify them if they are a school dinner
or packed lunch.*

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