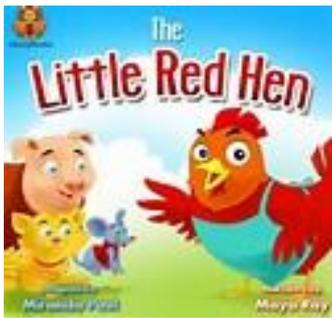


# Uryside School Nursery Term 3 – January - March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

It's been a busy term so far, welcoming children back and settling new children in.

So far we have been focusing our learning on construction in all areas. Outdoors, while our garden has been developed, we have been using an exciting pack and play system for children to continue getting the opportunity to be outdoors. We are introducing a story of the week. This week our story is 'The Little Red Hen' which we have been reading with the children daily and learning actions. Please encourage children to share these with you at home.



Going forward our learning will focus on the local community in and around Inverurie.

## **Staffing**

As you are all aware by now Ms Merchant is moving on to a new adventure and I'm sure you will all join us in wishing her every success in this. Her last day will be Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

Please be reassured during the recruitment of staff we will be joined by the fantastic Mrs Jamieson on Ms Merchant's departure. I'm sure many will recognise her as a familiar face and this keeps continuity for our children.

Mrs Stevenson will also be leaving our setting on the 27<sup>th</sup> March, we will be sad to see her go but wish her all the best for her future.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

### **Easter Holidays:**

The last day of term is Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Nursery reopens Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

### **The Big Bounce:**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March

## **See Saw**

We are pleased the rolling out of our new profile system on see saw has been a success. We are receiving great feedback from parents / carers on this. If you have any trouble getting access please speak to a staff member. Also, if you have any suggestions to improve this system we would appreciate if you could share this. Thank you.

## **The Garden**

Our garden development is well underway and there are a few areas awaiting completions. Safety for the children is paramount so we will not access the space until we have undertaken all necessary checks. We will keep you updated on this. Outdoor play is still available so please ensure that your children come prepared. We are looking to establish a group of parent helpers to develop the garden further through creating a diy/gardening group. Please complete the below slip if you would be able to support us with this venture.

## **Appropriate Outdoor Clothing**

To ensure your child can enjoy the opportunities available to play outside in our Nursery garden please provide suitable clothing for the winter weather. For example, gloves, hats, scarfs, a warm jacket and waterproofs and wellies if wet. Please ensure all items have your child's name written / attached onto them.

## **Environment**

We are always on the hunt for loose parts to develop our learning environment if anyone has anything they no longer need. This may include: curtain hooks, pine cones, buttons, corks, stones, shells etcetera. We are also developing our home area and are looking for an old kettle, rug, phone, clock or other homely pieces you think would be good.

## **Snack Fees**

Snack fees are now due. Please hand in all snack fees to a member of the nursery staff. Thank you.

## **Lost Property**

We have a lost property box located in our cloakroom, please take a moment to check this as we have an ever-increasing number of items waiting to be claimed.

## **Parent Involvement**

We have had great interest after putting notes home about stay and play sessions and we are now looking at ways to bring this forward to allow everyone who wants, the chance to come in. Many thanks.

'Library day' will change each term to ensure that all children at Uryside Nursery receive this opportunity throughout the year. This term it will be on a Friday.

## Question of the month

Also located in our cloakroom under the 'Parents Notice Board' is our question of the month. This month's question will be available shortly. We would love to hear your views about different aspects of the nursery. We keep it nice and quick for all the working mums and dads, all you have to do is read the question and pop a gem in either of the white jars.

The result from our previous question of the month received 35 yes responses from parents. Many thanks for taking part.  
This month's question is:

**'Would you be interested in a parent workshop on Early Literacy Development?'**

Please note; all our nursery newsletters will be uploaded onto the Uryside School website which I have linked below as well as displayed on the notice board. If you do not have access to the online newsletter and wish to have a copy please see a member of staff.  
<http://uryside.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/nursery/>

Many Thanks  
Ms Merchant and the Nursery Team.

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Please complete and return the following:

Parent DIY/ Gardening Group

We are looking for parents who would be able to build resources and maintain and develop our garden area. If this would be something that you would be interested in being involved with, please complete and return this slip. Thank you for your continued support.

I would be interested in helping with the following nursery developments (please circle):

- Gardening
- DIY Group

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name and Session \_\_\_\_\_