

Weekly Learning Letter

Friday 23rd January 2026

This week in Nursery

Our new starters have settled in brilliantly and already feel like they have been with us forever!

Despite the rain this week, the children have been embracing everything inside and out. Outside they have been building walls with the bricks and tools, as well as acting out stories such as 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt.' We've had a particular focus on counting and have introduced the digits 1 and 2. We have been doing lots of fun activities to support the children's number recognition and understanding that each number



represents a quantity. We have been using different parts of our bodies to make each digit, learning to write them on the whiteboards and making number collages. We have also been finding different quantities, going on number hunts and counting gold coins into treasure

chests! The children have also enjoyed acting out number rhymes such as Five Little Ducks, which has been great for their confidence and counting skills.

Our wild garden wonders and cooking sessions started again this week, to the children's delight. Alongside the usual activities, we played 'Rumble in the Jungle'. The children had to find the different animals hidden around the wild garden, which they loved. We then focused on their listening skills whilst playing parachute games, making different animal sounds such as 'ssssss' for snake. These types of sounds are all helpful as a precursor to early phonics. In cooking, we have continued the number theme, making number cookies! The children helped count out the ingredients, counted along as the children stirred the mix and then rolled out the dough and used number cutters to shape the cookies.



As the weekend begins, we wish you well and hope it is a wonderful one. And if you get the chance, see what numbers you can notice when you're out with your child. Do they know their door number? Do they know any bigger numbers on signs! Happy counting!

Stay warm and dry this weekend!

Katrina, Zindzi, Tracey, Amy and Fiona

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Things to Note!

Water Bottles

Unless your child requires it for medical reasons, please can you not bring in a water bottle for your child's nursery session. We do not have the space to store the bottles and we cannot monitor who is drinking from them. We do provide water at different points of the sessions and it is easier for us to monitor this as they drink when sitting at the snack table. We have spoken to the children about not sharing cups and will continue to do so. Thank you for your support with this. Any questions, please do ask.

Cooking Money

Every week we cook with the children, once in the morning and in the afternoon. **Only if you are able to**, we would welcome any donations to help with the costs. These donations also go towards other 'cooking' based activities such as playdough and salt dough. A suggested donation is: £4.00 half termly or £8 termly. Information & envelopes will be handed out next week.

Emails to Nursery

If you need to get information to the nursery via email, please send it to info@kilmorie.lewisham.sch.uk as this is checked daily. Many thanks in advance.

Drop off and Pick up Times

Drop off

The drop off times for each session are as follows:

Morning session: 8.45 – 9.00am

Afternoon session 12.30 – 12.45pm

If you arrive after these times, you will need to go to the main entrance of the school on Kilmorie Road, so your child can be marked in. They will then be brought to nursery by a member of staff.



Pick up

The pick-up times for each session are as follows:

Morning session: 11.35 – 11.45am

Afternoon: 3.15 – 3.30pm

Please endeavour to be on time, as the children are extremely excited to see their parents or carers and we have a very short time between the morning session ending and afternoon session starting!

Clothing

- **Spare clothes** - please can you ensure your child has at least one set of spare clothes (named and in a bag) for toileting reasons, but also just in case they get



wet or mucky.

Nursery

- **Shoes** - please try to avoid sending your child in Crocs as they are not suitable for activities in the outside area. Also, we would like to ask that children wear shoes which promote their independence, such as Velcro or slip on shoes. Thank you.

Family Photos

We have a wonderful wall of all of our nursery families. If you have not yet had the chance, please email or drop in a photo of your family. Email: nursery@kilmore.lewisham.sch.uk



Stay and Play is a lovely weekly session for parents to stay with their children at drop off for 45 minutes. It's a great opportunity to see your child in the Nursery environment and meet other parents. These run every Wednesday from 8.45am – 9.30am and 12.30pm – 1.15pm.



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