

Dear Nursery parents/carers,

A warm welcome back and we hope everyone had an enjoyable summer break. We are excited to start this new academic year and hope you and your child enjoys the year ahead with us at Darlinghurst Academy.

Our year group leader in Nursery is Mrs Dutton. Teaching staff/Nursery Manager Miss Gue. Our support staff are Mrs Elliott, Mrs Manley, Mrs Fennel and Miss Broom. We would like to welcome all new children to the year group Tiddlers.

We start the year off with our topic 'All about Me'. Our curriculum overview maps out the coverage of this unit of work in detail, which can be found on the school website <http://darlinghurst.uk/curriculum/connected-curriculum>. Each Friday we encourage the children to take part in our Outdoor Learning sessions to further support and enrich the learning within our topic.

As part of the broad and balanced curriculum, we will have daily maths and phonics lessons, including discrete sessions on hand strengthening, drawing, colouring and letter formation. Specialist sessions PE, Drama, Art and Outdoor Learning are built into our broad and balanced curriculum and we ensure that all of our children have access to specialist provision. PE days will be on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. **Earrings must not be worn on days when your child has P.E. Shoulder/long hair needs to be tied up for P.E. sessions.**

In Nursery we will expose our children to Spanish and they will have many opportunities to practice basic Spanish phrases on a regular basis – please ask them to share their new learning with you. You can follow our learning via News and Views, twitter and the website.

We recognise the importance of home learning and encourage all children to take part in our 'Show and Tell' sessions on Fridays. Please look at our half termly 'Show and Tell' list, find an object for your child to bring in and most importantly, speak to your child about what they are bringing in and why they are bringing that item in. This will best prepare them when showing their friends. Every Tuesday we also have a Library in the Nursery. Children can choose a book to take home and read with their grown-ups. You will have the opportunity to tell us about books the children enjoyed in their reading record and things they found out from the books i.e. colours, interesting facts etc.

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me via email (missgue@darlinghurst.co.uk) or in person.

We look forward to a wonderful and exciting year ahead.

Kind regards
The Nursery Team