

Nursery Newsletter : Spring 1 2019

Welcome back to Nursery! My name is Miss Barton, the new Nursery teacher. I am really looking forward to teaching Nursery this year and being part of their learning journey. On behalf of the Nursery team we would like to wish you a Happy New year and hope you have had a wonderful Christmas. We are entering the second term of the year and look forward to continue sharing our fantastic learning with you. After a successful settling period, routines are established and pupil developments are progressing.

During this half term we will continue to enhance children's experiences through sharing ideas, conversations, materials and understanding that playing and working together can help them get on better, build good relationships and develop thinking. A huge focus this half term will be to develop your child's independence, encouraging them to be willing to have a go and take risks with their learning.

Our topic this half term is *Where Does Snow Go?* This topic provides understanding and knowledge about snow and the winter season. Throughout this topic children will learn about what happens to ice when it melts, how animals adapt to colder weather and sensory qualities of snow & ice

Outdoor learning takes place everyday in Early Years so it is important your child has a pair of named wellies available in school and appropriate clothing as the season starts to change Please also ensure your child has a named bag of spare clothes left on their peg if they were needed to be changed.

If you have any questions or would like any more ideas on how to help your child progress on their learning journey, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the team.

Miss Barton - Nursery Teacher

Mrs Rosser - Nursery Teaching Assistant

Mrs Tyrell - Nursery Teaching Assistant

In Physical Development we will be learning how to keep our bodies warm and safe during the winter. We will also be moving our bodies in different ways, completing snowflake dances.

In Expressive Art and Design we will be exploring different median to create winter scenery pictures. We will also be completing cooking activities where we have to melt and freezer different

In Communication and Language we will be increasing our vocabulary linked to winter, specifically through winter books.

In Personal, Social and Emotional Development we will be learning to show affection, care and concern towards each other and our environment.

In Understanding of the World we will be learning about how animals and birds adapt to colder weather.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 23rd January - Maths
inspire morning 9:00am-10:00am
parents welcome.





Literacy

Reading

In Reading we will be joining in with repeated phrases from stories and rhymes. We will also be looking carefully at images within a story and using vocabulary to describe them. Our book focuses this half term will be *The Snowman* and *Jack Frost*.

Writing

This half term, a key focus will be pencil grip and ensuring we are holding pencils/pens correctly. Lots of fine motor and sensory activities will take place to support this. You can help support your child's learning at home by completing finger muscle activities. See staff for ideas.

Numeracy

In maths we will be learning to use numbers within our play. We will particularly focus on using number names in the environment correctly with a specific focus on numbers 0-5.



Attendance and Punctuality

'Every Day Matters' - Every day that your child misses is a day of learning lost. Please support us by ensuring that your child attends school every day and is in Nursery ready to start their learning by 8.40am, doors will open at 8:30am.

Reading

In Nursery, it is important to read stories with your child every day. This enables your child to look and interpret what is happening in the pictures and predict what might happen next. We will send home a school reading book every week. We ask for you to complete a comment in their reading log once a week to inform the Nursery team on how your child is reading at home.

Reading books will be reviewed and changed **every Thursday** according to your child's reading ability. As books can be shared at any time of the week it is very important for reading books and reading logs to be brought to school **every day**. For any reading books which are damaged or not returned to school there will be a charge.

Homework

Nursery will receive a Topic Homework Challenge sheet every half term. They have been designed so that parents and children can work together on homework tasks weekly. We hope that you enjoy them.