

Nursery Newsletter : Spring 2 2020

Welcome back to Nursery! We are now half way through our school year and I 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 *Why do spiders eat flies?* This topic provides curiosity, understanding and knowledge about the diversity of the natural world and the small creatures that inhabit it. Throughout this topic children will learn to share ideas, conversations and materials, understanding that playing and working together can help them get on better, build good relationships and develop thinking. They will also learn about insect habitats, the life cycle of a butterfly and how to respect and take care of small creatures.

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, for any reason, they may need 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 working on our pencil grip and strengthening our hand muscles in order to copy letters from our name. Additionally, we will be moving like insects and spiders, as well as moving or adding actions to songs and rhymes about mini beasts.

In Expressive Art and Design we will be using materials to create habitats for insects, making spiders webs and spiders, and performing songs about mini beasts.

In Communication and Language we will be increasing our vocabulary linked to mini beasts by using pictures, objects, non-fiction books and first hand experiences.

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

In Understanding of the World we will be learning about life cycles, habitats and how we can take care of insects and the environment.

Dates for your diary

World Book Day - Friday 6th March

Sport Relief - Friday 13th March

Parents Evening - Thursday 26th March





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 three pigs, Tiny little fly and Chocolate cake.

Writing

This half term, a key focus will continue to be pencil grip and ensuring we are holding pencils/pens correctly. Lots of fine motor and sensory activities will take place to support this.

We will be working on children's ability to give meaning to the marks they make and will continue with our letter of the week.

Numeracy

In maths we will be learning to continue to use number names in our play, for example, counting the legs on spiders, and experiment with representing numbers. Additionally, we will be identifying shapes in our environment, discussing these and using shapes to make habitats and buildings.



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 (when Nursery door closes), 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.