

# Nursery Newsletter : Spring 1 2023

Welcome back after the Christmas break! We hope you all had lots of fun together and we look forward to hearing all about it. A very special welcome to all our new children and families. We look forward to learning with you over the coming months.

During this half term we will continue to build on our assessments from Autumn 2 and our focus this term will be on winter through our new topic 'Where Does Snow Go?' Children will have lots of opportunities to learn about the world around them by being outside and observing patterns and change in nature. This topic will develop your child's interest about winter weather and the properties of snow, ice and frost. We will be learning about the sensory qualities of snow and ice and what happens when they melt. We will look at how animals adapt to colder weather and also how humans adapt such as keeping safe and warm.

This half term, in order to develop language learning children will receive a 'verb of the week'. This is a way of introducing your child to wide breadth of vocabulary. Throughout the week we will practise speaking this verb at school and we ask for you to continue this at home. There is no requirement to write this weekly verb, it is a speaking exercise.

Young children need lots of physical movement, so we will aim to be outdoors learning in all types of weather. Please ensure your child has a pair of wellies in school that are clearly labelled. Please also bring in a spare pair of clothes in a bag to leave on your child's peg. If your child has an accident or is wet from exploring exciting water activities, we will change them but we will need the appropriate clothing to do so. Fruit and milk will be provided for your child every day at snack time - no food should be brought into school. Please provide your child with a named water bottle for the morning/day.

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.  
Mrs Brookes - Class teacher. Miss Robbins, Mrs Follos and Miss Brandon - Support staff

*In Physical Development we will be learning about different clothes that keep us warm in the winter. We will practise putting on our coat, gloves, hat and scarf.*

*In Expressive Art and Design we will be designing and making our own snow scene using cotton wool, white chalk and white paint.*

*In Communication and Language we will be talking about what we might see at winter time and explore what happens when snow and ice melts.*

*In Personal, Social and Emotional Development we will begin to understand why animals hibernate in the winter and create our own shelter for them.*

*In Understanding of the World we will be investigating natural resources and elements such as mud, sand, snow and water.*

**Dates for your diary**  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February -**  
**Break Up**



## Literacy

Listening to and taking part in a range of stories, songs and rhymes is a key focus for Nursery everyday.

Each half term we will be focusing on books related to our class author (Michael Rosen) and those related to our current thinking. Books we will study this half term are "We're Going On A Bear Hunt" and "Snow Bears".

Our drawing and writing will link to our studied texts and include pre-writing patterns and mark making with a range of materials to communicate our own ideas, which will develop our skills and knowledge in this area.



## Numeracy

In our number work we will continue to develop our counting skills with numbers from 1-10 and extend this to 20. We will be looking at number problems such as more or less and investigating various 2D and 3D shapes.



## Attendance and Punctuality

The continued message is of course that '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 at the school gate ready to be collected by Nursery staff by 8:40am.

## 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 on **Thursdays** where book bags will need to remain at school, then a new book will be sent home on **Friday**. 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. Your child will need to complete ONE piece of homework each week. They have been designed so that parents and children can work together on homework tasks. Some tasks will be set to be completed on the internet through the Purple Mash website/app and these will be marked by Mrs Brookes. We hope that you enjoy them.