



Nursery Newsletter Spring 1 2024

Happy New Year! I hope all families have had a lovely Christmas break.

What a super time in nursery we had last half-term! It was lovely to welcome parents and grandparents into our classroom during nursery rhyme week and to celebrate the feast of Saint Nicholas. We hope you enjoyed joining us. Please look out for the next date to join us!

The EYFS nativity was a huge success; the children's singing was brilliant. We also made successful first trips out of school with a visit to church and our trip to see Santa at Glebe Farm.

Thank you so much for your continued support. It was a busy half-term with the children achieving so much and parent involvement was very much appreciated.

Our theme this half term is 'People Who Help Us'.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term, there will be lots of opportunity for role play as part of our learning about people who help us. This links well to support with building relationships as children will have the opportunity and be encouraged to play in small groups with the role play activities.

Communication and Language

We will continue to learn a new nursery rhyme each week. These are the rhymes for this half-term:

Three Blind Mice

Three Little Kittens

5 Snowmen

4 Teddy Bears

Alice the Camel

We will also keep singing the ones we've already learnt. Thank you for your support with learning these at home.

Literacy

Here's some of the texts we'll explore:

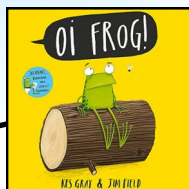
The Hospital Dog

Topsy and Tim stories

The Three Little Pigs

In phonics, we are moving on to rhythm and rhyme.

We'll use the Oi Frog series of books to help us to learn to rhyme.



Expressive Arts and Design

We will encourage children to make imaginative and complex small worlds with blocks and construction kits, such as different buildings.

During weekly sessions with Mrs Cliffe, our music teacher, the children will explore sounds using voices, body percussion and instruments.

Mathematics

Our maths learning will be all about numbers 3, 4, and 5.

We'll learn fast recognition of up to 3 objects, 'finger numbers' up to 5 and counting by touching each object.

We'll also recognise the numerals up to 5 and match to the correct quantity.

Physical Development

PE lessons will continue on Wednesdays and Fridays to develop gross motor skills. Wednesday's focus is multi-skills and Friday's is music and movement. Please ensure that earrings are removed on these days. We will develop fine motor skills by using a range of tools. E.g. pencils, paint brushes and scissors.

Understanding the World

We have a few special visitors who will be coming in to speak to us about their important jobs and how they help us. I wonder if the children will be able to guess their jobs from their uniforms, equipment and vehicles!

RE

In RE, we will begin with the story of the birth of Jesus.

We will then look at Baptism. **If your child was Baptised, please send in a photo next week.**

People Who Help Us Dressing Up Day

Friday 26th January

To support our learning about people who help us, we are asking children to come to school dressed as someone who helps others in their job. Below are some ideas:

Firefighter, nurse, doctor, police officer, teacher, librarian, builder, dentist, vet, lifeguard, chef, cleaner, shop worker, post man and many, many more!



Dates to Remember

Watch Me Learn Maths

Parents or grandparents are invited into the nursery classroom to watch our maths learning and to then join the children with their maths activities.

Monday 22nd January
2.00 - 3.00

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Children (if they wish) can come into school dressed as someone who helps others in their job.

Friday 26th January

School Closes

Friday 9th February

Applications for Reception - You **MUST** apply for a reception place even though your child is in our nursery. This must be done by 15th January 2023.

Lunch boxes - If you send your child with grapes in their lunch box, can these please be cut in half lengthways.

Attendance - Remember that every school day counts as new learning happens each day. Please send your child to school if they are well enough to attend.

There is an attendance raffle at the end of every half term where one child from each class is rewarded with a voucher.

Spare clothes - If your child goes home in our spare clothes, can you please return them to nursery. Your child should have their own spare clothes in nursery which remain on their peg until needed.

Please remember to give £1 snack money each week.

Homework

Your child's blue Learning Together book should be returned each Wednesday with one of the tasks completed from the grid. Please also use Evidence Me to submit homework if you're able to.

A few children each week are chosen to share their homework with their friends. They really enjoy doing this and feel proud. One child is then chosen as the homework hero.



You are a
Homework Hero.
Well done!

This half-term, I would love to see more of what the children say recorded for homework because communication and language is one of our prime areas of learning and development in nursery.

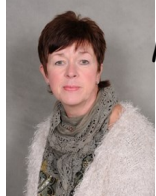
Questions or Queries?

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the nursery team. The best time is at the end of the school day, or alternatively you can contact the school office to book an appointment.

Staff



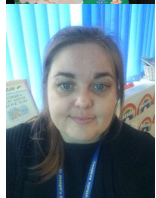
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