



Nursery Newsletter Spring 1 2026

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. We hope you enjoyed joining us. Please look out for the next date to join us!

The children performed in their first nativity and it was lovely to watch. We also had a very enjoyable nocturnal animals workshop where the children learnt lots about the animals which come out at night.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

Our theme this half term is 'Fantasy and Adventure', which will include princesses, dinosaurs, superheroes, dragons and pirates!

Mathematics

- ◆ Numbers 3, 4, and 5.
- ◆ Fast recognition of up to 3 objects.
- ◆ 'Finger numbers' up to 5.
- ◆ Touch each object as we count.
- ◆ Recognise the numerals up to 5.
- ◆ Match the numerals to the correct quantity.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- ◆ Imaginative role play opportunities with others including princesses, superheroes and pirates.
- ◆ Trying new fruits linked to 'superhero' foods.

Physical Development

- ◆ PE lessons will be on **Mondays** and **Tuesdays**. Please ensure that earrings are removed on these days.
- ◆ Aiming to be independent getting changed for PE.
- ◆ Skip, jump, hop, stand on one leg.
- ◆ Riding balance bikes and trikes.
- ◆ Fine motor activities to develop finger strength.

Communication and Language

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

- ◆ 3 Little Snowmen
- ◆ You're a Dinosaur and You Know it
- ◆ If You're Super and You Know it
- ◆ 5 Green Bottles
- ◆ 5 Fingers
- ◆ Alice the Camel

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

Understanding the World

- ◆ Explore materials - do they float or sink? Will our pirate boats float or sink?
- ◆ Changes that happen in winter.
- ◆ Talk about changes we see. E.g. ice melting.

Literacy

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

- ◆ Mad about Dinosaurs
- ◆ Supertato
- ◆ Zog

Our traditional tale this half-term will be The Princess and the Pea.

We will also look at a non-fiction text about winter.

Expressive Arts and Design

- ◆ Begin to draw with complexity and detail when painting pictures of dinosaurs and creating pirate treasure maps.
- ◆ Join junk modelling materials together using glue, Sellotape or masking tape to make pirate boats.

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- ◆ The story of the birth of Jesus.
 - ◆ Baptism.
 - ◆ A visit to St Joseph's church to support our learning.
- If your child has been Baptised, please send in a photo.

Is Your Child Dressed for the Weather?

We love to learn outside! Please ensure your child has the items below in school every day this half-term.

- Warm, waterproof coat
- Hat and gloves
- Wellies (these can be left at school)

- Also, a puddlesuit would be great if you are able to provide one.



Dates to Remember

Watch Me Learn Maths

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

Monday 12th January
9:30 - 10:30

Parents Evening

Tuesday 10th February

School Closes

Friday 13th February

Water Bottles - Please ensure that your child arrives each day with a water bottle. If they have their own water bottle, they can choose to have a drink at any point throughout the day. We do have cups, but ideally these are just to be used if a child has forgotten their water bottle.

Thank you

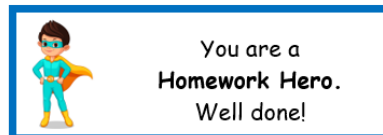
Spare clothes - If your child goes home in our spare clothes, can you please return them to nursery. Your child should have their own spare clothes in nursery which remain on their peg until needed.

Homework

Please remember to give £1 snack money each week.

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.

The children share their homework with their friends. They really enjoy doing this and feel proud. One child is then chosen as the homework hero.



If you have any problems using Evidence Me, please speak to Mrs Byrne or Miss Delves at the end of the school day.

Staff



Mrs Byrne
Class Teacher



Mrs Grady
Early Years
Teaching
Assistant



Mrs Robinson
Early Years
Teaching
Assistant



Miss Delves
Teacher

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.